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Issue Under Discussion Between India Govt. & Hyderabad

ALLEGED HARASSMENT OF WOMEN AT E. PAKISTAN CUSTOMS BARRIERS

NEW DELHI, April 5, (A.P.I.): The Prime Minister Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru, in reply to a short notice question put by Mr. Mohd. Tahir in the Dominion Parliament made a statement on the rioting in Godhra (Bombay Province). The casualties he said, were reported to be 16 killed and 25 injured including those killed and injured as a result of firing by the police. A large number of arrests had been made.

GODHRA QUIET

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HOW TROUBLE STARTED

The Prime Minister said: "The attention of the Government has been drawn to a detailed statement made by the Home Member of the Bombay Province in the Bombay Legislative Assembly on the 29th March, 1948. There is nothing that I have to add to the statement. The trouble in Godhra became tense sometime ago, as a result of a procession that was taken out by some refugees. During the procession a flag on a Durgam was pulled down. Action was taken against the persons concerned and some people were prosecuted. The immediate cause of the trouble was the stabbing of a Hindu refugee in a Muslim locality on March 25, 1948.

"Soon after another refugee having a shop in a Muslim locality was murdered in his shop and this was followed by the stabbing of two more persons. The police who tried to intervene were also attacked. In the evening, injuries to two policemen. Energetic measures, including resort to firing, were immediately taken by the police and these resulted in 16 civilians being killed, 25 injured and also rushed to the town that very day."

"On the next day, March 26, a number of refugees excited by the events of the previous day, attacked some Muslims. The situation was however, brought under control that very day. The casualties reported are 16 killed and 25 injured, including those killed and injured as a result of firing by the police. A large number of arrests have been made."

THE NATIONAL WEEK

Today begins our National Week. It is the first in Free India. The first also in the wake of Bapu's martyrdom. Rashtrapati has called the Nation to devote this historic week to (1) Communal Harmony (2) Collections for Gandhi National Memorial Fund.

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FIREMAN HAD RUN AWAY

"On the same day two houses evacuated by Muslims in a Muslim locality were set on fire. The fire could not be put out until the morning. The engine possessed by the Godhra Municipality could not be worked. The person in charge of the engine who was a Muslim had run away."

Two fire engines were rushed from Laxwada and Baroda but these necessarily took some time to arrive and in the meanwhile what would have been a minor fire resulting in the loss of two houses spread to other houses and became a huge conflagration. Water was another difficulty as the wells in Godhra are very deep and the water tank was situated at a considerable distance from the scene of the fire. Every possible effort was made to combat the fire and a platoon of field company was called in to assist in fighting the fire and demolishing burning houses. It is, however, feared that loss of property through fire has been heavy. It is difficult to give a correct estimate of the number of houses destroyed but the estimate is that the number will be between 600 and 1,000 and they belong more or less half to Hindus and half to Muslims.

HOME MINISTER'S VISIT

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"Achilles" To Be Renamed H.M.L.S. "Delhi"

NEW DELHI, April 5, (A.P.I.): The Government of India have decided to rename H.M.S. "Achilles" the first Cruiser which has been acquired for the Royal Indian Navy, as H.M.L.S. "Delhi" says a press note. The ship is expected to arrive in the autumn of this year.

U. SAW'S EXECUTION POSTPONED

Supreme Court's Action On Appeal Of Ex-Premier

RANGOON, April 5, (Reuters): Four days before U Saw, former Premier of Burma was due to hang the Supreme Court today instructed the authorities of Insein Jail to postpone the hanging fixed for Friday.

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Dr. Mascarenhas addressing the Corporators after his election.

15 Killed & 100 Injured In Alexandria

Army Called Out To Control Situation: 'Shoot On Sight' Order Given

CAIRO, April 5, (Reuters): Egyptian army jeeps dashed through Alexandria today warning people to get off the streets or troops would "shoot on sight" as Egyptian Premier Nokrashy Pasha flew to Alexandria at noon in a special Airforce plane to supervise personally the military operations against striking policemen and sympathisers. Numbering several thousands the rioters appeared to have control of the situation in the city and were engaged in a widespread orgy of looting.

Casualties so far reported were 15 killed and nearly 100 injured in a number of incidents in which the police, who kept their rifles when they started their strike for higher pay at midnight, were reported to have returned the troops fire.

Several thousand police officers and men—the entire force—struck in Alexandria. In Cairo 400 police officers struck and later policemen, who were not involved when the strike began, joined their officers in increasing numbers.

STREET FIGHTING. Huge fires were raging at a number of points in Alexandria and dense clouds of smoke hung over the city. Street fighting between demonstrators, sympathising with the police strikers on the one hand and with troops on the other, was reported in a number of areas.

In the Rue Cherif, the fashionable foreign shopping quarter, nearly all shops were damaged and looted and a number of demonstrators were seen running away with bags full of goods. Troops intervened and dispersed the crowd which left behind a trail of destruction and looted showcases.

It was reported that rioters forced their way into a number of flats rented by foreigners and forced the occupants to surrender valuables and money. A number of people who went to work this morning were trapped in their offices.

SHOOTING IN ALEXANDRIA. Abdul Azzim Pasha, second in command of the Egyptian army garrison in Alexandria, said firing in Mohamed Ali Square, Alexandria's principal thoroughfare, began from the roof of a ten-storey building overlooking the Square. The firing was believed to have been started by "Communists", he said.

Demonstrators in the Port area stormed the main Police Post and threw lighted torches into the building which was gutted by fire.

Sporadic firing could be heard from the Port area and other districts as looting continued with troops patrolled the streets.

Troops opened fire when police, sympathisers and students attacked the police post in Mohamed Ali Square with stones. All the windows were broken before the troops received orders to fire. The demonstrators withdrew leaving a number of casualties. The fire brigade joined the army in fighting the rioters and turned its hoses on the crowd.

STUDENTS JOIN STRIKERS. Students and school-boys who joined the strikers shouted slogans such as "down with the Government" and "down with Nokrashy Pasha". Other demonstrators chanted on walls "we want Nokrashy's head" and "long live the King and Nahas".

(Nahas Pasha, the Wafdist party leader).

As the rioting continued troops were rushed to guard public buildings. Four cinemas were set on fire, a textile plant at Hadara, a suburb of Alexandria was also fired and demonstrators were reported to be attacking a large cigarette factory at Moharek Bey, in the Native Quarter.

CAIRO SITUATION. In Cairo the situation appeared to be well under control by the Government authorities.

Government circles regarded the strike and the situation it created as very serious. The strike followed months of growing discontent in the Egyptian police. A strike threatened in October last year and only last minute personal intervention by King Farouk saved the situation.

The King is being kept in constant touch with the present developments. The Government has for many months past repeatedly promised consideration of the police demands but the police officers last night decided to go ahead with the strike after some of their fellow officers had been dismissed from the force for alleged incitement to strike.

DEMONSTRATION. MADRID, April 5, (Reuters): About 2,000 students staged a demonstration opposite the British Embassy here this afternoon hissing bores and peering. They later moved towards the United States Embassy but a cordon of police held them at a distance of about 100 yards from the building where they sang the Falangist party song, gave the fascist salute and shouted insults directed against President Truman.

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BOMBAY'S NEW MAYOR

Dr. Mascarenhas Elected

BOMBAY, Monday. Dr. Mafaldo Ubaldo Mascarenhas was elected Mayor of the city of Bombay at the first meeting of the new Corporation held this afternoon.

Dr. Mascarenhas, who was nominated by the Congress Party, won by 82 votes against 32 secured by his rival candidate, Mrs. Alice Alvares.

The election meeting was conducted by Dr. J. A. Colloco, who was voted chairman for the occasion.

"On his being elected Mayor," Dr. Mascarenhas thanked the House for the high honour, they had done to him.

The Mayor paid a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, his struggles for national freedom and his great achievements and said, "May he (Mahatma) shower his blessings on us and unite us to work for the greatness and glory of our Motherland."

"After nominating me for the mayoral election, Mr. S. K. Patil, Leader of the Congress Party, said to me," the Mayor informed the House, "you don't belong to our party. You belong to the whole House."

This was, indeed, true, said Dr. Mascarenhas, and he would, safe guard the rights and privileges of every member of the House without any fear or favour.

After the mayoral election was over and the new Mayor had taken the chair and given his assurances to the House, Mr. M. S. Bakshi proposed and Mr. R. D. Patil seconded a proposal that the House might be adjourned at that stage as a protest against the arrest and detention of two members of the House, Messrs. S. S. Mirajkar and Zulmiran Choudhri. The proposal, on being put to vote, was declared lost by majority.

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS. The House next proceeded with Committee elections. There were 19 candidates for the 16 seats of the Standing Committee, ten belonging to the Congress Party, two to the Muslim League Party, two to the Scheduled Caste Federation, four to the Socialist Group and one from the Communist Party.

It was alleged that the members of Congress Party were supporting their own candidates and the four other candidates put up by the League party and the Scheduled Caste Group. In other words, each Congress member who could exercise 16 votes, exercised in fact and in deed no more than 14 votes, refusing to be bothered with the Socialist and Communist candidates, and wasting the remaining two votes.

The results of the election of the members of Standing Committee is as follows.

CONGRESS.
1 Mr. K. M. Bhupura 81
2 Mr. B. A. Dalal 81
3 Mr. G. N. Desai 81
4 Mr. A. B. Sakhoboy 81
5 Mr. N. Kallias 81
6 Mr. S. P. Nagarkar 81
7 Dr. B. R. Nayen 81
8 Mr. C. C. Shah 81
9 Mr. H. J. H. Talyarkhan 81
10 Mr. M. B. Kassan 81

MUSLIM LEAGUE.
1 Mr. Suleman Darvesh 58
2 Mr. K. G. Jiani Sadrudin 49
3 SCHEDULED CASTE FEDERATION 60
1 Mr. R. D. Bhandare 61
2 Dr. M. N. Birla 61

SOCIALISTS.
1 Mr. V. S. Velinkar 51
2 Mr. D. D. Desai 46
3 Mr. L. N. Welinkar 46
4 Mr. R. M. Dave 46

COMMUNIST.
1 Mr. K. T. Sule 7
1 Thus the first sixteen members were declared elected while the last three lost.

Informal Truce In "Battle Of Berlin"

MOSCOW'S READINESS TO DISCUSS ISSUES

Four Power Commanders To Meet Today

BERLIN, April 5, (U.P.A.): The Russians and Americans today agreed to an informal truce in the war of nerves in Berlin. There were indications that all four Commanders may meet at a dinner party on Tuesday. The Russians agreed to talk over their train inspection system with the three Western Powers.

The Americans withdrew their blockade on the Russian rail control centre in Berlin and halted the emergency aid freight shipments from Frankfurt.

Soviet Commander, Marshal Vasily D. Sokolovsky, accepted an invitation to dine on Tuesday night with the British Commander, Sir Brian Robertson, General Lucius D. Clay, United States Command and French Commander Pierre Koenig were expected to attend although nothing official has been announced.

DINNER TO MONTY. The occasion is a dinner honouring Viscount Montgomery, Chief of British Imperial Staff, who is visiting Berlin for reasons unannounced.

Russian co-operation continued to flower during the early morning hours.

Robertson returned from the British sector to Berlin by rail in the first British train to run through the Soviet blockade since the Russians clamped down the new inspection system last Wednesday midnight.

Russian troops at Marienborn made no attempt to board Robertson's eight car special, guarded by 20 Russian when it arrived. The train through in two minutes.

Robertson's purpose in visiting the British zone was not announced.

Montgomery is scheduled to fly to Berlin on Tuesday.

Clay and Robertson will meet for the first time since the start of the Berlin blockade.

SPAAK CONFERS WITH LOVETT. WASHINGTON April 5, (U.P.A.): Belgian Premier Paul Henri Spaak conferred with the Acting Secretary of State Robert Lovett, for 90 minutes this morning at the State Department.

Questioned afterward about his discussions with Lovett on American aid to the British, Mr. Spaak said, "We discussed this matter along the lines of the President's messages to Congress."

hunches talks preceding the Montgomery dinner.

AIR FREIGHT SERVICES. Frankfurt reports said that the air freight service to Berlin is being discontinued as soon as planes presently loaded have been dispatched.

Forty-two planes arrived with supplies in Berlin on Sunday but only seven are scheduled to fly today.

WATER TRANSPORT RESUMED. All inland water traffic across the Soviet zone of Germany between the western zones and Berlin which was suspended last Friday after the start of the new Soviet traffic restrictions, was resumed again this morning. It was officially announced here.

A British announcement said that all craft which had been held up by the Soviet authorities had been released without any new documents, originally requested by the Russians being demanded.

Resumption of traffic also applied to that between Hanover and Hamburg, both in the British zone, which had to pass through the Soviet zone in transit.

With the assumption of canal traffic through the Soviet zone all freight traffic by land and water between the Western Zones and Berlin was normal again.

The net result of the new Soviet traffic regulations imposed on April 1 was that that British, French and American passenger train services to Berlin were suspended and replaced by road and air service.

EXODUS OF SOVIET CITIZENS. BERLIN, April 5 (Reuters).—The Soviet occupation authorities are sending wives and children of Soviet officers and officials in Germany home in large numbers, the Russian licensed Berlin newspaper "Tribune" reported today.

Their return to the Soviet Union had nothing to do with rumours of war, the paper stated, but was due to Soviet Military Government's wish to reduce occupation costs by 30 per cent.

"This shows that the Russians want to restore normal peacetime conditions and is the exact opposite of what rumour-mongers of war try to make out of the story," the paper said.

HALF LAKH PRICE ON HEAD OF USMAN

JAMMU, April 5 (U.P.I.).—Following unique achievements of Brigadier Usman in Neowhera and subsequently in Jhanghar it is reported that the so-called Azad Kashmir Government have offered a reward of Rs. 50,000 to any person capturing Brigadier Usman.

According to a spokesman of the National Conference this is regarded as a sure indication of frustration having set in Sardar Ibrahim's forces.

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SOVIET OFFICER FOUND DEAD. A Soviet Officer was found dead on the railway line near Lehtrar Station in the British Sector of Berlin last night. Police reports disclosed today.

Conflicting statements were issued by the German police as to the cause of death.

BODY GIVEN TO RUSSIANS. BERLIN, April 5 (U.P.A.).—British authorities announced today that the body of a Russian Officer found dead on the elevated railroad bridge near the British-Russian sector boundary had been turned over to the Russian for inquiry.

They believed he had been shot but had no details beyond the fact that it was believed he had an argument with a German on the bridge last night.

BRITISH MILITARY TRAIN. PASSES SOVIET ZONE. A British military train carrying General Sir Brian Robertson, British Commander in Germany, back to Berlin after his talks yesterday with Field Marshal Montgomery passed through the Russian control point at Marienborn this morning after being delayed for only two minutes.

The Soviet guards, whose claim to board all British American and French trains entering the Soviet zone on their way to Berlin touched off the present Berlin flare-up made no attempt to examine any documents.

The train was the first to cross the frontier on its way to Berlin since the British cancelled all Berlin trains last week.

Stop Press

ASSAM HIGH COURT INAUGURATED

GAUHATI, (Assam), April 5 (A.P.I.).—An important landmark in the history of this province was made today when the High Court of Assam was inaugurated by Sir Harilal Kania, Chief Justice of the Federal Court of India.

85-AN PRESIDIUM FOR CHINA. NANKING, April 5 (Reuters).—The Chinese National Assembly today elected an 85-man Presidium to take charge of Assembly Sessions beginning tomorrow.

The Assembly was elected last December under the new Constitution.

48-POWER CONFERENCE. LONDON April 5 (Reuters).—Important progress was recorded at today's meeting of the four Foreign Ministers' Deputies on Austria when further substantial concessions on the German assets question were made by all four deputies.

ALEXANDRIA RIOT SITUATION. ALEXANDRIA, April 5 (U.P.A.).—The latest casualty list showed at least 30 were killed and over 50 seriously and about 200 less seriously wounded during the day. Fighting and looting were still continuing. Curfew was imposed in Alexandria from 7 p.m. today until sunrise tomorrow replacing Nokrashy's previous recommendation that all people stay indoors.

FARIDKOT HAWKS' NARROW WIN

Aga Khan Hockey

BOMBAY, Monday.
FARIDKOT HAWKS' 1
I. A. M. C. POONA. 0
Although only one goal was scored in the match between the Faridkot Hawks and the I.A.M.C. from Poona the game was quite fast and the result of the match was in the balance almost till the last. Barely a minute from the end Dharman Singh saved a shot right on the goal-line and averted what would certainly have been the equaliser.

The Faridkot forwards displayed good team-work and their passing and approach work being excellent. But for the splendid displays of the deep defence in which Piyarelal was prominent the winners were able to win by a very comfortable margin. To the efficient defence goes the credit for keeping the rival attack in check even though they spent the greater part of the match near the I.A.M.C.'s goal. As the leader of the attack, Dharman Singh was courageous and showed distributing abilities. The only goal of the evening came from his stick midway through the second half. On the winners' left wing Karmat Singh showed promise and had many good moments.

But the strength of the Faridkot side, like that of their opponents lay in their formidable defence comprising Dharman Singh and Trilochan Singh and occasionally Rajendar Singh. Between the three of them they held the rival attack in check and, helped by the numerous errors of their inside-right Arjan Singh were able to keep control over the game. Trilochan Singh, in particular, deserves special mention for breaking up almost anything that looked dangerous often in his opponents' territory.

The earlier match between the Kalyanmal Mills and the Government Press, Aligarh was postponed owing to the failure of the former to put in an appearance.

The teams:
FARIDKOT HAWKS: Mehar Singh; Dharman Singh and Trilochan Singh; Bakshish Singh, Rajender Singh and Khushal Chand; Sarup Singh, Jaswant Raj, Udam Singh, Ranjit Singh and Karmat Singh.

I.A.M.C.: Herbert; R. Singh and Piyare Lal; Sohan Singh, Pindi Dass and Edgar Sen; Mohd. Hanif, Arjan Singh, Ramchandra, Mangal Singh and G. N. Joshi.

Tuesday's Matches: At 4-20 p.m. All Blues, Bangalore vs. Swastik S. 5-40 p.m. Kirkee United vs. Cawnpore Wanderers.

M.C.C. TOUR OF WEST INDIES VIEWED IN RETROSPECT

LONDON, April 5 (Reuters): Cricketers all over Britain will wince for some time to come when the name "West Indies" is mentioned for it will recall to them the English tour of those happy islands in 1948, during which British cricket prestige reached its lowest ebb, cables Vernon Morgan.

For the first time in the long his-be small compensation for the tour of British overseas tours a British side failed to gain a single win, their dismal record leading ten draws and two defeats, both of them in Test matches.

England has still to win a Test overseas, since the war, having failed to win any of the five in Australia and four in the West Indies.

It is probably true to say that the West Indies team was the best ever and the English the worst. Whether the West Indians would have won the Test series if the best English side had been sent is a matter for conjecture, but they might have done, so well did they play.

JUST HOW GOOD THEY ARE?

Just how good they are will be seen when they visit India next year and play away from home under foreign conditions. But even if they should prove too good for the Indians it will

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Ghaus Mohammed Wins Ceylon Lawn Tennis Championship

Will Return To Baroda To
Devote Rest Of His Life

NUWARA ELIYA, April 4 (A.P.I.)—Shortly after he had won the Ceylon Lawn Tennis Championship Ghaus Mohammed, India's Number Two announced that this was perhaps his last appearance in tennis tournament. He had decided to retire from the game altogether.

Besides having held the Indian Tennis Championship title for eleven years—1936 to 1947—Ghaus Mohammed was first Indian to reach the quarter final stage of World Championship held at Wimbledon in 1939.

Ghaus Mohammed told the A.P.I. "I took to tennis ever since the age of 20 and I have been in the game for almost 12 years—a period long enough I believe and now that I have passed the prime of life, I feel I must part with tennis altogether. I would wish to devote the rest of my life to the care of my family and house."

Ghaus Mohammed spoke very appreciatively of the standard of tennis in Ceylon. But play quite good tennis. But play quite good tennis. But play quite good tennis.

Indicating the future programme, M. Ghaus Mohammed said that after playing in Exhibition Tennis matches to be held in Colombo shortly, he would be leaving for Baroda State. After a thrilling duel, Ghaus Mohammed beat P. J. De Sarum in the final of the Ceylon Lawn Tennis

WORLD BOXING ORGANISATION TO BE FORMED

LONDON, April 5 (Reuters): A world boxing organisation may be the result of a proposed meeting between representatives of the New York State Athletic Commission, the European Boxing Association and the National Boxing Association of America. The meeting is likely to take place in August, and it is hoped that a tactical understanding may be reached by all three bodies.

Col. Eddie Egan, of the New York State Athletic Commission, however, will have a difficult task in breaking down certain New York State laws which forbid the N.Y.S.A.C. from having any connection with other countries.

The N.Y.S.A.C. and the N.B.A. often differ in their opinions over title holders and there have been such contests labelled "for the undisputed championship".

These differences would be eliminated if a world ruling body was formed and the future of boxing would be assured in the knowledge that if a law is made, it will be observed in all parts of the world.

For weeks now the general topic of conversation among cricketers, other sportsmen and even those who are normally not interested in sport has been "was this tour really necessary?" The general opinion seems to take the line that either we should have sent a team capable of upholding the prestige of the country or sent none at all.

The view of others is that the tour had its uses, for it spread cricket gospel, entertained many thousands of West Indians and gave young English hopeful invaluable overseas experience, although in the case of most of them they have had their chance and lost it.

OTHER VIEWPOINTS
Yet another viewpoint is that the M.C.C. should have selected the strongest possible team and told all those selected that they had to go and not have left it to the individual wish of respective players. Against that dictatorial idea, which in any case is quite foreign to British sport, it is that it is neither good for English cricket nor the players themselves to expect them to spend all one season playing cricket in England and then all their leisure time during the English winter playing overseas and then expect them to do their best when the Australians come over this summer.

Then there are those who advocate tours at less frequent intervals who say that overseas tours should be made every other year and not every year as at present.

But if that were to be the case countries like India and the West Indies would only get visits from British teams every 20 years or so which would be all wrong.

It seems therefore that the only remedy for English cricketers as a whole to improve to such an extent that three or four sides of equal ability could be fielded, allowing the best team to rest all winter second best team could be taken on overseas tours of lesser importance and by that one means against all countries other than Australia, for today it is not easy to say which country of India, South Africa and the West Indies is the strongest playing on its own pitches.

Championship decided at Nuwara Eliya last evening.

Scores: 8-10, 6-3, 6-0, 12-10.

F. A. CUP FINAL

LONDON, April 5 (Reuters): The English F. A. cup final at Wembley on April 24 between two of the best teams of the year—Manchester United and Blackpool—should be a fitting climax to the season with every prospect of it providing one of the finest exhibitions of football seen for years.

But if previous finals are of any guide, then the over 90,000 fans who will again pack the giant Wembley Stadium cannot hope to be treated to a soccer feast.

For the standard of play has been gradually deteriorating in recent finals, with a new low being reached last season when Charlton and Burnley gave a performance that could have been bettered even by the humblest third division side.

The Cup final ranks only just below the Epsom Derby in importance in the English sporting calendar so naturally nerves play a big part.

Soccer International

PARIS, April 4 (Reuters): Italy beat France by three goals to one in a soccer international at the Colombes Stadium here this afternoon after leading 3-0 at half-time.

It was the first meeting between the two countries for ten years.

GANDHI MEMORIAL FUND

Collection Drive To Be
Launched Today

NEW DELHI, April 5 (A.P.I.): A nation-wide drive for the collection of funds for the Gandhi Memorial Fund will be launched today with the inauguration of the National Week.

In Delhi prominent citizens met at a conference yesterday to chalk out a programme for the collection. The Prime Minister Pandit Nehru was present. Acharya Kripalani, Secretary of the Central Committee, addressing the meeting emphasised the minimum contribution sought from each individual or institution as ten days taxable income. Contributions were welcome from all quarters but collections through the medium of certain amusements staged for the specific purpose should be discouraged because they were inappropriate to the occasion and Gandhi would not have approved of them. This, of course, did not mean that entertainment houses should not set apart their ten days' income to the Memorial Fund. They should not allocate a special show for the purpose.

The meeting appointed some 40 sub-committees which will undertake the task of collecting funds in the various trades and professions. So far the receipts are being printed and their distribution throughout the country will take some time. Employers in Delhi have been requested to collect subscriptions from their staff against temporary receipts where pucca receipts are not available.

Pandit Nehru who also addressed the meeting referred to the great task they had undertaken and said that the citizens here in Delhi and in the rest of the country, would rise to the occasion. Several business houses and other institutions have agreed to contribute in one lump sum on behalf of their employees and later collect from them in instalments. The hope was expressed that this procedure would be followed wherever feasible. All cheques for the Gandhi Memorial Fund must be crossed.

Flow Of British Capital To
S. Africa

LONDON, April 5 (UPI). Owing to nervousness among the business community as a result of apprehension of the depreciation of the British pound and devaluation of money movements may be seriously restricted, the flow of capital from Britain to South Africa since the year 1947. It is officially announced in South Africa that nearly 80 million pounds of British capital was transferred to South Africa during the year.

Investment in South Africa securities through stock exchange channels is one of the main forms of capital movement taken. South Africa needed capital for investment in new development and idle deposits were useless to her. The African Government and the British Treasury do not welcome such funds flowing and steps are being taken to check the flow of "hot money".

UNWARRANTED ATTACK ON T. U. MOVEMENT: Mr. Dinker Desai, General Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress in the course of a statement condemning the detention of Mr. S. A. Dange, President, All-India Trade Union Congress, Mr. S. S. Mirajkar, President of the B.P.T.U.C., Mr. Zulfiqar Chaudhary and other Trade Union leaders, designating it as "an unwarranted attack on the Trade Union movement", and adding that "this is not the way to win the confidence of the working class whose co-operation is absolutely necessary for the maintenance of industrial peace".

NEW BIHAR ADVOCATE-GENERAL: PATNA, April 5 (UPI): Mr. S. K. Jha, a senior advocate of the Patna High Court has been appointed Advocate-General for Bihar.

JULLUNDUR, April 5 (A.P.I.): A meeting of the Joint Rehabilitation Board will be held in Simla on April 7th. Mr. K. C. Neogy, Minister for Refugee Government of India, who is the chairman of the Board will preside.

Bastion Of West Against Communism

What Halifax Told Hitler:
Moscow Releases Wilhelmstrasse Documents

MOSCOW, April 4 (Reuters): The Soviet Government yesterday published the first volume of documents from the archives of the German Foreign Ministry.

The papers, in a 368-page book, deal with the relations of Britain and France with Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland from November, 1937, to December, 1938. They include records of the conversations with Lord Halifax, then a member of the British Cabinet, in November, 1937, of Hitler's talk with the British Ambassador Sir Neville Henderson in March, 1938, and of Mr. Churchill's conversation with the Danzig Nazi Forster in July of the same year.

Most documents refer to negotiations between Britain and Czechoslovakia before Munich. Among the letters included is one from the late Jan Masaryk to Lord Halifax.

BASTION OF WEST AGAINST COMMUNISM

Many members of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's British Government regarded Germany as a "bastion of the West against Bolshevism", Lord Halifax, then Lord President of the Council, told Hitler in November, 1937, according to a full German record of the conversation published by the Soviet Government.

The document recording this talk was one of 44 from the archives of the German Foreign Ministry captured by Soviet troops, included in the first volume now published. Obersalzberg, November 1937. Lord Halifax spoke of certain difficulties between Britain and Germany but added, according to the German record: "In spite of these he and other members of the British Government were filled with the realisation that the West was a bastion of the West against Bolshevism."

Hitler also told Lord Halifax, according to the documents now published, that the press played a fatal role in international relations, being responsible for nine-tenths of the tension. "Lord Halifax shared the Fuehrer's opinion on the danger of the press," the documents said.

Later Sir Neville Henderson, British Ambassador to Germany, assured him steps would be taken for "the institution of the British Press and a discontinuance of all serious information, together with greater objectivity."

CZECHS ACCEPT UNDER PRESSURE
Documents giving details of the pre-Munich negotiations quotes a note from the Czechoslovak Government to the Soviet Government, dated September 22, 1938, saying the Czechs accepted the Anglo-French proposals "under extreme pressure".

"The Munich agreement provided for the cession of the Sudetenland to Germany and for plebiscites in various other areas."

JAGJIVAN RAM
TO TOUR BIHAR
COALMINE AREA

NEW DELHI, April 5 (A.P.I.): Mr. Jagjivan Ram is leaving Delhi on April 6 on a tour of the coalmine area in Bihar. During his stay at Dhanbad, he will preside over the meeting of the Coalmines Welfare Advisory Committee, meet representatives of the coalmines owners and workers and address meetings organised by the E. I. Railway Employees' Union and the Gandhi Memorial Collection meeting. He will participate in the annual meeting of Indian Mining Managers Association at Asso on his way back.

Mr. Jagjivan Ram will visit Patna, Arrah and Buxar. He will inaugurate the District Political Conference at Buxar on April 13 and return to Delhi on April 14.

Australia To Seek Trade
Agreements With India

LONDON, April 4 (Reuters). Australia may negotiate trade agreements with India and Pakistan. Melbourne Radio said today. The agreements, it was said, would be the first ever between the three countries, the report added.

Pakistan Central Govt.
Employees To Strike

DACC, April 5 (A. P. I.): "Runners" badges already adorn some 2,000 central Government employees in East Pakistan who will stage a continuous stay-out strike from Thursday, April 8 demanding better pay allowances and accommodation.

The Information Officer of the Federation of Central Government Employees, East Pakistan who disclosed this information, said that the following offices will be affected by the strike:— (1) Account-General, East Bengal; (2) Accounts Office, Posts and Telegraphs; (3) Telegraph check office; (4) Income-Tax office; (5) Military Accounts office and (6) Central stationery, forms and printing office.

There will, however, be no resort to picketing, the officer emphasised.

SIR CHRISTOPHER MASTERMAN, who was until recently Deputy High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Madras, arrived in Bombay on Monday en route to the United Kingdom.

He was in Bombay of the Deputy High Commissioner for the United Kingdom and Mrs. G. V. Kison.



Mrs. Sushila Yawalkar held an exhibition of her paintings at the Taj on Sunday. Picture shows Dr. Jayakar who opened the exhibition with the artist.

Arrests And Detentions

DETENTION OF REDS IN NAGPUR

NAGPUR, April 5 (A.P.I.)—The Provincial Government have ordered the detention of the principal active members of the Communist Party under the Public Safety Act and have so far issued about 50 arrests warrants against them.

It will be remembered that over 50 Communists were arrested through-out the Province in the third week of March in connection with the one-day general strike on March 18.

TWO ARRESTED IN BELGAUM
BELGAUM, April 5 (A.P.I.)—Two Communist leaders of Belgaum, Mr. S. S. Sharma a High School Teacher, and Mr. R. G. Golikeri have been arrested here under Bombay Public Security Measures Act.

MAHADEV SHASTRI DIVEKAR
RELEASED

MIRAJ, April 5 (UPI)—Mr. Mahadev Shastri Divekar, a worker of the Hindu Sabha who was placed under detention recently, has now been released.

HINDU SABHAITE RELEASED
BOMBAY, April 5 (UPI)—Mr. R. K. Nagarkar, Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha has been released unconditionally from Byculla Jail. He has been given back the possession of his room which was searched and sealed at the time of his arrest.

Mr. D. P. Bakhalde, member of the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha, has also been released unconditionally.

14 ARRESTED AT DOHAD.
DOHAD, April 5 (UPI)—Fourteen persons including a Municipal Councillor and manager of the Panchmahals Transport Service were arrested here under the Public Security Measures Act.

PATNA ARRESTS
PATNA, April 5 (UPI)—The local police raided the office of the Communist Hindi Daily in Patna and arrested its sub-editor, Mr. Ramabhai Bhatnagar.

Bhatnagar, Trade Union leader of Girdih who represented India at the International Labour Office Conference in Geneva, sometime ago, has also been arrested by the police, in pursuance of its drive against Communists.

The other Communists arrested in Bihar so far include Jnanadas Mitra, Secretary, Bihar Trade Union Congress, and Biswanath Mathur, the Kisan leader of Kerkh.

INTUC PRESIDENT
IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, April 5 (A.P.I.). Pandit Harbarnath Shastri, President of the Indian National Trade Union Congress, arrived in Calcutta today. Pandit Shastri will stay here for about a week to study the labour situation in Calcutta. He will meet the presidents and secretaries of different unions affiliated to the INTUC at a conference here tomorrow.

ANGLO-AFGHAN
RELATIONS

Ambassadors To Be
Appointed

The British Government and the Afghan Government have agreed to raise their respective legations to the status of an embassy.

This step is regarded in London as the earnest of the friendly relations which have long been uninterrupted maintained between the two countries, and which have lost nothing of their cordiality since the transfer of power to the Government of India and Pakistan.

U. S. WITHHOLDS
SECRETS FROM BRITAIN

LONDON, April 5 (UPI). The U. S. Government is withholding from Britain details of faster-than-sound flights until the purge of Communists from Britain's defence departments is completed. It is reported.

The American rocket-propelled airplane has exceeded eight hundred miles per hour on several flights and it has yielded facts badly needed by the British fighter designers.

3-DAY INTER-DOMINION
TALKS IN CALCUTTA

KARACHI, April 5 (A.P.I.)—A conference between representatives of the Governments of India and Pakistan to discuss customs, tariffs, movements of goods between India and Pakistan and evacuation of the minorities from Eastern Pakistan has been convened in Calcutta on April 15, 16 and 17.

The Pakistan Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs, Mr. Ghulam Mohammed will lead Pakistan's delegation to this three day inter-dominion trade conference.

Communist Reverse At Changchun

Troops Pushed Back
Several Miles; 800 Killed

NANKING, April 5 (Reuters): Chinese Government troops defending Changchun capital of Manchuria today pushed back Communist troops some miles and recaptured several strongholds northwest of the city. Government reports said. The Government advance followed close quarter fighting during which the Communists were claimed to have lost 800 killed.

A Communist drive further south on the north bank of Luo River 40 miles north of Mukden was checked by strong Government counterattacks the despatches added.

IN EAST SUIYUAN
The battle in East Suiyuan was increasing in ferocity as Communist forces under General Noh Yung-chen made headway in the drive on the Kweisan Provincial capital.

Government troops were said to be shortening their front near Kweisan voluntarily evacuating the cities of Fengchen 80 miles south-east, Liangcheng 40 miles south-east and Fanchieng near Liangcheng.

The main Communist forces were reported less than 35 miles from Kweisan where the Government garrison and militia were ordered on the alert.

In Shantung, Communists gained further round in the battle around Weihai and Changlo on the Tientsin-Taiwan Railway.

Communist troops after bitter fighting were today besieging the Government fortress at Lanfeng in South Shantung province and were trying to battle their way into the city.

Troops and civilians including girl students were helping to build a new airfield near the centre of the city.

Italian Forces Parade
ROME, April 4 (Reuters): Twenty-five thousand Italian soldiers, sailors and airmen paraded in Rome today in a base near the ancient coliseum here for over two hours today in the biggest military parade of Italian forces since the end of the war. Included in the parade were tanks and mobile units carrying several thousand of armed troops.

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Hightide: 10-24, 22-48. Lowtide: 04-34, 16-14.

Domestic Occurrence

DEATH
RAO—Dr. Leelavathi Rao M.D. (London) aged 63 years passed away on Monday, the 29th March, 1948, in Madras. Deeply mourned by Mr. M. K. Rao, her only son and his family.

To-day's Engagements

GIRGAUM DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE: Congress Corporators of the "D" Ward and Congress workers will assemble at Parekh hospital today (Tuesday) at 8 a.m. and will visit the Khetwadi Main and bye lanes.
PRARTHANA SAMAJ 81ST ANIVERSARY: Lecture in English by Madam Sophia Wadia on "Abiding in the Inner Reality" today (Tuesday) at 6-30 p.m.
CONGRESS RASHTRABHASHA SAMEETI: A free Rashtrabhasha Library will be opened at the People's Jinnah Hall tomorrow (Wednesday) at 6 p.m. Seth Ramnathji Poddar will open the Library.
ALL-INDIA MUSLIM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY: Special general meeting at 5 p.m. today (Tuesday) at Chamber's Office, 371, Hornby Road, when questions relating to future activities of Chamber will be decided.
MAHARASHTRA CHAMBER WELCOMES NEW EXPORT POLICY: The Committee of the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce have addressed a telegram to Government of India welcoming the new liberal export policy and have suggested removal of restrictions on export of Vanaspathi as there is enough surplus available in the country today and the same is needed in the Middle East and in Pakistan. These exports, the telegram states will bring revenue to the Government of India and some foreign exchange, especially of the hard currency countries.

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BAN ON VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

The Government of Bombay has decided to prohibit the performance of drill, the holding of any camp, parade, meeting, assembly or procession and the wearing in public of any dress resembling any uniform required to be worn by a member of the forces of the Dominion or by a member of any Police force of Home Guards or any force constituted under any law for the time being in force, by the following volunteer organizations:

(1) The Azad Hind Dal (2) The Rashtra Seva Samiti (3) The Swastika League Volunteer Corps (except its ambulance unit) (4) The Arya Veer Dal (5) The Sikh Navjawan Dal (6) The Ansar Guards (7) The Rashtra Seva Dal and (8) The Loka Seva.

BAN ON PROCESSION EXTENDED

The Commissioner of Police, Greater Bombay, has extended for a period of one month from April 6, 1948, his order of February 27, 1948, prohibiting processions in Greater Bombay.

BAN ON SALE OF ARMS

The ban in the Kolaba District on the selling of arms and ammunition to any licence holder, without a special permit from the District Magistrate will continue to remain in force for a further period of two months from April 7.

The order banning the sale of arms and ammunition to any licence holder without a special permit from the District Magistrate has been extended for a further period of two months from April 13 in the District of Greater Bombay.

MR. DINKARRAO DESAI

Mr. Dinkarrao N. Desai, Minister for Law and Civil Supplies, will leave Bombay for Delhi on Tuesday April 6 in the morning by plane and return to Bombay on Wednesday April 7 by plane.

IRON AND STEEL FOR AGRICULTURE

During the month of March 1948, about 293 tons of steel, 1,776 pounds, 1,110 pickaxes 120 crow-bars, 23 bundles of barbed wire and 16,897 '3' of piping valued at Rs. 1,79,792 were distributed to the agriculturists of the Bombay Province by the Assistant Agricultural Engineer in charge of the Iron Supply Scheme, Bombay through the District Rural Development Boards.

The dispute between the Oriental Pharmaceutical Industries, Limited, Bombay, and the workmen employed under it has been referred by the Government of Bombay for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal.

IN AID OF POLADPUR LEPRO HOSPITAL

Wilson High School Students To Stage A Drama
At Poladpur, in the Kolaba District, just at the foot of the Mahabeshwar hills, there is a Leprosy Hospital where nearly 200 lepers are being cared for. This lepro hospital is maintained by the Mission to Lepers and is run by Capt. Victor Das and Mrs. Das. The annual expenditure is Rs. 36,000, of this amount about Rs. 16,000 are provided by the Mission. It is said that this institution which is striving hard to rid our country of this curse, the students of the Wilson High School are staging the popular Marathi drama "Bebandashahi" on Saturday, the 10th instant, at 9 p.m. in the specially erected open air theatre in the school compound. Rani Maharaj Singh will grace the occasion with her presence.

The organisers appeal to the citizens of Bombay to make some contributions towards this grim battle that is being waged against leprosy, either by buying tickets of the drama or by sending contributions to the Principal, Wilson High School, Girgaon, Bombay 4.

Khar Congress Committee

NATIONAL WEEK PROGRAMME:
TUESDAY (6th April), 7-30 to 8 a.m. Prayers, 8 a.m. Flag Salutation, 8-30 to 10 p.m. Mass Spinning Laxmi Nagar Hall.

WEDNESDAY (7th April), 6 p.m. Children's Programme-Kherwadi, 9 p.m. Harlan Mandi's Bhajan, Laxmi Nagar Hall.

THURSDAY (8th April), 9 p.m. Debating Hindustani Laxmi Nagar Hall.

FRIDAY (9th April), 7 to 8 p.m. Informal discussion with Kherwadi Residents, 8-30 to 10 p.m. Mass Spinning, Laxmi Nagar Hall.

SATURDAY (10th April), 6 p.m. Sjt. Vaikunthal Mehta will open Village Industries Exhibition, Laxmi Nagar Hall.

SUNDAY (11th April), the Village Industries Exhibition will remain open from 8 to 11 a.m. and 5 to 9 p.m.

MONDAY (12th April), 6 p.m. Mass Spinning at Dandaga.

TUESDAY (13th April), 9 p.m. National Film Show Laxmi Nagar Hall.

'NATIONAL WEEK' IN A WARD
Under the auspices of A Ward District Congress Committee today there will be 'Flag Salutation' at 8 a.m. at Rajwade St., Colaba, by Sardar Pratap Singh.

There will be a public meeting at 8 a.m. under the presidency of Sardar Pratapsingh at Kothari Wadi, Mint Road, Mr. Dhilan of the I.N.A. will speak on "Desh Sevak Sangh".

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, Monday.
Rani Maharaj Singh attended by Major K. T. Satarawala and Captain W. G. Stearns returned to Bombay.

The Governor of Bombay received Mr. Krishnalal Munshi, Mr. Faiz B. Tyabji and Miss Tara Bhonslay.

His Excellency and Rani Maharaj Singh presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Bombay Provincial Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society at the Town Hall.

Mrs. B. G. Kher, The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Morarji Desai, The Hon. Mr. Justice R. S. Bayvelkar, The Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. M. V. Desai, Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Sen Lady Byramji Jejeebhoy Monsieur H. de Lamirac Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Patel, Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Padam Singh Thapa, The Rt. Revd. M. M. Balaguer, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Marshall and Miss P. Marshall came to dinner.



Bombay's Municipal Schools collaborated in a display of mass drill at Shivaji Park, Dadar, on Sunday evening. A fleet of motor trucks and specially chartered tram cars carried 25,000 children to the maidan. Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, was among those who watched the display.

"VIVIDH VRIITA" ARTICLE

Govt. Denies Allegations Against Minister

The following interpellations took place in the Bombay Legislative Council:

Mr. D. V. Belvi (Sholapur "Cum" Begum) asked the Minister for Home and Revenue to be pleased to state—

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the article published in the issue of the Marathi Weekly newspaper called "The Vividha Vritta" dated the 14th September 1947, under the heading "Government, Ministers and Black-marketing" in which various allegations have been made about the conduct of the Hon. Minister for Forests and Agriculture in his recent visit to the village of Mundargi in the Dharwar District;

(b) if so, whether the allegations are true;

(c) if not, what are the facts;

(d) whether he will be pleased to lay on the table a translation of the article in English?

The Hon. Mr. Morarji N. Desai: (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) When the Minister for Agriculture was to go to Gadag for the Karnatak Education Conference at Dharwar District Congress Committee represented to him that he should visit Mundargi which is a neglected area and which no Minister had visited before. He agreed and wired his consent to the District Congress Committee with instructions to inform the Collector of Gadag.

The Collector met him there and told him that he would accompany the Minister to Mundargi the next day. Accordingly, the next morning they visited Mundargi. "There was no procession at all" and so there was no question of anybody leading it.

A public meeting was arranged in the primary school compound. The Minister addressed the meeting and after visiting two or three institutions requesting to build a school at Mundargi for about two hours only. He did not halt there. He had never been to Mundargi before this time. He was not acquainted with any of the people there except one Dr. Huiagi, whom he had met in jail in 1942, and who had met him once or twice only during the last five years and that to at some public functions. After enquiry it transpires that both the Collector and the Secretary of the Mundargi Petha Congress Committee are not merchants at all. The President, Mr. Rangrej, is a Khadi Worker since these twenty years and the Secretary, Dr. Huiagi, is a medical practitioner. Their houses were never searched by any officer of the Anti-Corruption Branch. Any articles attached from their houses as alleged in the article. The statement in the article that the Anti-Corruption Branch searched their houses and attached number of bags containing jagery, rice and other articles and that as a result the Collector arrested them and fined them is absolutely false and baseless. No cases have been filed against them in any court. The President and Secretary have repudiated the allegations made against them by issuing a statement on the 24th September 1947. The Honorary Secretary of the Dharwar District Congress Committee also issued a statement on the 20th September 1947 contradicting the allegations made in the article.

BOMBAY COUNCIL

PASSES FIVE BILLS

BOMBAY, Monday.
Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Labour Minister, stated that the Legislative Council today passed the Bill to amend the Bombay Industrial Relations Act of 1946 had the support of all parties "including the Communists".

Speaking on the Bill, before it was passed by the Council, Mr. Nanda claimed that this and the other legislative measures of Government would benefit the workers in a large degree.

Four other Bills to amend the Presidency Small Causes Court Act of 1882, the Bombay Land Revenue Code of 1879, the Bombay Rents, Hotel and Lodging Houses Control Act of 1947 and the Bombay Entertainment Tax Act of 1923 were taken up in all their three readings as they had emerged from the Legislative Assembly.

The Council will reassemble on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Technological Progress

Makes Little Change In Warfare

General Eisenhower told the Senate Armed Services Committee on April 5 that technological progress in weapons that might change the character of war in any case would come from three to five years from now, although 15 years may see some basic changes.

"There is no possibility of intercontinental push button warfare," General Eisenhower said. While the air plane has grown in importance, bases must be secured near enough to Pro-

Abolition Of Caste Distinctions

Premiers Assurance To Backward Classes

BOMBAY, Monday.
Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister, declared in the Bombay Legislative Assembly today that it was Government's earnest desire to abolish caste distinctions and such other socially disruptive practices when making appointments to all posts under the Provincial Government.

The Prime Minister who was opposing Mr. H. I. Kalyani's non-official resolution recommending to Government to fix a percentage on population basis "in all grades in Government services for the different communities like the Advanced, the intermediate, the Backward, the Harijans and the Muhammadans" assured the House that in consistent with Government's policy of removing the stigma of untouchability, as many posts as possible would be given to scheduled castes provided sufficiently qualified candidate of that class were forthcoming.

Mr. Kher said that it was not practicable in the interest of efficient administration to reserve absolutely on population basis posts for advanced, intermediate and backward classes. That would make administration ineffective, if not impossible to assert.

Mr. Kalyani withdrew the resolution on the Prime Minister's assurance.

PROVINCIAL ROADS

During question hour, Dr. M. D. D. Gidder Minister for Public Works, stated that Government did not propose to transfer all the provincial roads, in the districts, along with sufficient funds for their maintenance to the District Local Boards concerned.

OVERHAUL PRESENT EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

Dr. H. V. Desai moved a resolution urging Government to overhaul thoroughly the present system of examinations in schools and colleges which "has resulted in the thorough deterioration of the physical and mental health of students."

Dr. Desai said that the present system of examinations imposed heavy strain on the students who in their attempt to pass the tests lost their physical health and also their abilities for independent thinking. He suggested that for infant classes there should be no examinations at all. He complained that the present system of education did not develop all the latent abilities of the children.

PREMIER'S ASSURANCE

Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier, pointed out that the complete abolition of the present system of examinations was not the remedy for the evils. He observed that the real remedy lay in the improvement of the standard of the teachers and through the methods of teaching. Mr. Kher assured that Government would do all in its power to minimise the evils in the educational system.

In view of the assurance given by the Education Minister, the mover withdrew the resolution.

The Assembly will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday which will be the last day of the present session.

DR. RAJENDRAPRASAD PRESENTS COW

Reform In Hindu Ceremony Of "Godan"

The Secretary of the Bombay Humanitarian League writes:—

Among orthodox Hindu religious ceremonies that of giving cows to Brahmins for achieving peace, prosperity, heavenly bliss etc., is still prevailing. But it has so degenerated that the donors deceive themselves and the recipients by giving old or uneconomical cows in charity, with the result, that the recipients are obliged to sell them away.

However, Dr. Rajendraprasad, in deference to the wishes of his aged sister-in-law who is ill in Bombay, accepted the new method of Godan suggested by Shree Mahadevi J. N. Mankar, Secretary, Bombay Humanitarian League, whom he consulted and gave a well-bred milch Friesian cow with calf to the Leekmura, Gausaha, of the Bombay Gorgas Bhiksha Samstha, a pioneer institution of this country, after duly worshipping her at his residence at Bombay on the 31st March 1948.

This cow will permanently stay at the Leekmura, Gausaha, and will be useful for the milk supply and improvement of breed. She has been named "Maharaj". In memory of Dr. Prasad's sister-in-law's husband the late Shri Mahendraprasad Verma.

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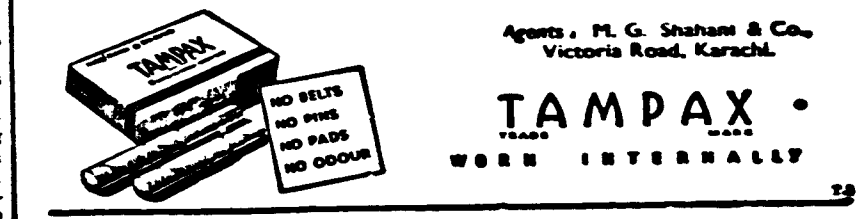
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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, April 5. (A. P. I.): Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches, during the past 24 hours from April 1948, and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 hours (I. S. T.), on 5th April 1948:—

Ahmedabad 102 73 0 0.0, Ahmednagar 100 66 0 0.1, Allahabad 105 74 0 0.0, Baroda 104 58 0 0.0, BOMBAY 90 76 0 0.0, Calcutta 95 78 0 0.0, Colombo 89 76 0 1.5 plus 0.7, Delhi 96 73 0 0.1 plus 0.1, Hyderabad (Dn.) 101 71 0 0.5 plus 0.4, Indore 100 72 0 0.0, Karachi 92 72 0 0.0, Lucknow 103 68 0 0.0 plus 0.1, Mahabaleswar 88 67 0 0.0 minus 0.1, Mysore 93 71 0 0.0 minus 0.1, Nagpur 105 71 0 0.0 minus 0.1, Patna 101 73 0 0.0, Poona 102 69 0 0.0 minus 0.1, Sholapur 10 98 76 0 0.0, Simla 59 42 0 1.1 plus 1.3, Surat 103 74 0 0.0.

WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, April 5. (A. P. I.): Following is the daily weather summary for Monday, the 5th April 1948. Observations from East India are lacking. It is however believed that the Andaman sea depression which had been deepening steadily since this morning with its centre near lat. 15 degrees north and long. 96-1/2 degrees east. It may move north-eastwards and weaken. Yesterday, western disturbance over the south-western Punjab probably lies this morning over the west United Provinces. It is likely to move east, north-eastwards. Another disturbance is moving eastwards through the north-west Punjab.

Thunderstorms have occurred at a few stations in Assam, sub-Himalayan Bengal, Bihar, over and near the west United Provinces hills, in the North West Frontier Province, the south Konkan and the south Bombay Deccan. FORECAST UNTIL THE 6TH EVENING: Thunderstorms are likely locally in Assam and the north-west Punjab and at a few stations in the Eastern Pakistan, West Bengal, over and near the hills of the East India, the west United Provinces, Lower Kashmir and in the extreme south of the Peninsula. Isolated thunderstorms are also possible in and near the north Central Provinces.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Fascism's so-called cultural pronouncements have only one purpose: to show where democracy is leading. It lacks spiritual and aristocratic influence. Everything under Fascism is 'pseudo'. We economy, as it exists in Germany to-day, is a morally degenerate shape of the economy of the decline of Capitalism. In economic world citizenry should realise this before, out of fear of Socialism, it experiments with Fascism.

THOMAS MANN, (winner of the Nobel peace prize).

The Bombay Chronicle

HOUSING IN INDIA

Replying to the debate on the Finance Bill a few days ago in the Indian Parliament, Mr. R. K. Shanmukham Chetty, the Finance Minister, stated that he had assured his colleague, the Labour Minister, that in the latter produced a scheme for housing industrial workers, he would find financial support in the Government. In this suggestion, Mr. Jagjivan Ram stated in Parliament a few days later that the Government of India was working out the details of a programme to provide a million workers houses of approved design. But it is good enough to begin with this programme that in the case of miners, as Mr. Jagjivan Ram said, the first 1,000 houses which Government was constructing in the coal fields of Jharia were expected to be ready in the course of a year. The Labour Minister stated that it was proposed to build 50,000 houses for miners in five years. In what time or manner the rest of the million houses were to come into being, the Labour Minister omitted to say.

Housing in India has always been a problem. At no time in recent history have the vast masses of toilers in fields and factories been housed decently and adequately. But the shift of the population to urban centres during the past few decades and the unplanned growth of filthy slums in urban areas has brought the problem of housing to greater and much more urgent prominence. While thus the problem, neglected for long years, is undoubtedly vast, the Government will have to think of their solution in more urgent and practical terms, losing no time in leaving no alternative unutilised. For instance, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in his address to the annual meeting of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce put his finger correctly on this point when he said that Government departments thought rather exclusively in terms of steel and cement and because they were not available, nothing was done to solve the problem. He suggested that this was not a good enough approach. Though there was no steel and cement, there was quite enough good earth available and mud houses might be built for people including high officials of government to live in. And Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Bombay's Minister of Housing, echoed and emphasised the same point when he stated in the Provincial Assembly on Thursday last that owing to the non-availability of materials it was thought advisable to build mud houses which were quite comfortable and healthy and spacious. But though admittedly good enough as an immediate palliative and also as temporary holiday retreats in rural surroundings they are far from satisfactory as any kind of permanent solution for the problem of housing industrial labour. In fact Mr. Jagjivan Ram stated the other day

that in certain mining areas workers had been provided with dwellings known as "dhowahs", but the housing conditions there left much to be desired. The basic fact to be considered in this connection is that industrial workers have neither the will nor the surplus time and energy to live much care and attention to their homes. Houses for industrial workers must, therefore, be such as to need and require the least effort to maintain them in sanitary conditions. This, however, need not be taken to imply that there is no alternative to cement and steel. Actually the stress on cement and steel is indicative of the fact that when people talk of housing they have chiefly the big cities and industrial centres in mind. In the use of bricks and tiles and timber and mortar that are the chief factors in housing. The difficulties of capital and profits, machinery and technical personnel, which comes in the way of stimulating production do not arise—up to the extent that there is late in increasing the output of bricks, timber, sand and chunam. All these facts merely show that housing, as an all-India problem, has not been thought of in terms sufficiently comprehensive and that it has yet to receive the detailed attention it needs.

In this regard it must be stated that Bombay has given a somewhat encouraging lead. It has been the first—and as far as we know the only province—to create a separate department of housing in charge of an energetic and devoted minister. That lead deserves to be copied by all the provinces and the Centre as well. If Mr. Nanda has not succeeded in making any appreciable difference to the housing situation in the province in the short time he has been at work, it is not for anything that he could have done but did not do. No man can be blamed for not being able to work a miracle. As regards urban housing, however, Mr. Nanda, speaking on the bill to control the erection of buildings, said that it was his ambition to erect 20,000 habitable tenements this year for industrial labour. While it is to be hoped that he will be able to see the fruition of his ambition, one cannot help remembering the fact that even this ambitious programme is a substantial difference to the desperately hopeless state of overcrowding, particularly in Bombay city. For over five years now, there has been a continuous influx of population and nobody who comes to Bombay expects to go out. The has effected no relief on the health and sanitation of the city, but has made anything like orderly, peaceful, comfortable living impossible. The provision of new housing alone, even on a scale much larger than is at present possible, is likely to worsen the situation. The only real remedy is dispersal of the population. There appears to us no alternative at present to a planned depopulation of the city, and it is far better that all the authorities begin to think of this in advance than have it forced on them in the form of a desperate crisis.

Frankly Speaking

Jawaharlal's Call

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's broadcast in the Chicago University Round Table Conference radio programme is a call to humanity to abandon the path of violence and to seek its own utter destruction. But it is not just a negative warning. Analysing the malaise and the doom that it threatens, India's Prime Minister prescribes the remedy to the disease as the alternative to the precariousness of mankind's present existence. For, there cannot be the least doubt in any mind—even in minds seized with war psychosis—that the trouble arises from all round fear, individual and national, and from an inversion of emphasis as between right and duty. The predominant tendency is to think and act almost exclusively in terms of "rights" when what is needed is the realisation—and the implementation of that realisation—that every right springs and must spring from a duty and that therefore the sense of duty must govern human conduct rather than the desire of rights. But that involves a moral approach to the problems and requirements of human existence. And that is the Gandhi way of which India's Prime Minister offered to the world.

The Choice

It is the way of ethics as the basis of human action and endeavour and it is inevitably the way of non-violence and the sense of duty submission to evil but in that of an active and positive instrument for the peaceful solution of international differences. This inevitably leads to the acceptance of the conception of human brotherhood and for the ordered governance of the affairs of mankind to a world Government as envisaged and advocated by Pandit Nehru. The world can neglect this way of life at its peril. For it is the only alternative to war. How human problems have been sought to be solved is only too grimly revealed in the recurrence of wars and their consequences. The next war may well destroy most of mankind and reduce the survivors to radio-active, bacilli-ridden robots. To day man is the victim of grave mental conflict. The choice is between survival or extinction. This is "the crisis of the spirit" and has to be resolved in the right way.

Doubtful Appeal

Echoing more or less the American sponsored Security Council call for a truce in Palestine, the British High

Commissioner for the country has also made a similar appeal coupled with the declaration that the Palestine Government is ready to discuss with both civil and military leaders of the Arabs and Jews details required for the conclusion and endorsement of a cease fire agreement. Both the appeals, however, ignore the fundamental question: True or peace for what? It is not for fun that the light is going on with increasing virulence the consequences of it would be decided to rob the Arabs of their country and their national rights to that country. They rose to defend their homeland and their national existence as people of any country. The United States or the Soviet Union, would do in similar circumstances. They are asked to lay down arms without—and that is a very deliberate omission—being as to the consequences of it would be to them. It is natural and inevitable that they should demand to know about the intention of the international philanthropists regarding their big portion of a land belonging to the Arabs. Nor is it surprising that the Zionists should try to utilise the call for truce for their own objectives. The present situation of affairs will succeed any more than the original plan for Arab betrayal.

Changing Place Names

One of the minor consequences of the advent of freedom is the tendency to devise new geographical expressions and alter place names. In certain cases the coining of new names are necessary to express new geographical entities as in the case of the new unions of States. And it seems natural that the new names should be redolent of India's past history. Malwa and Matsya, Saurashtra and Rajastan, the result of revivalism. Already, however, voices have been raised against this movement becoming a craze. If the name of every town and every street were to be changed it would lead to needless confusion. This argument, however, cannot apply to the attempt to annul the British version of a place name and restore the original name, as has recently been done in certain cases in, for instance, the Madras Presidency. Of course even some Indians bred in the British tradition are apt to talk of longwindedness. But surely if one could articulate Trivandrum or Trinopolis, there could be no difficulty in calling them by their right names as "Tiru-Chirappally" or "Tiru-Anantapuram". Besides these names have a meaning and a resonance in the local languages. 'Tiru' is Tamil for 'holy' and 'Ananta' is Sanskrit for 'infinite'. 'Tiru-Ananta' means 'holy city of Ananta'. 'Trivandrum' may mean nothing more than a conundrum pronounced after the fourth peg of Scotch. The same is true for instance of Coimbatore which is a barbarous, guttural perversion of "Kanchi-Puram", the city of gold, and of "Vijaya-wada", the "town of victory", vulgarly called "Bezawada" by the British. It was an English poet who asserted that a rose by any name would smell as sweet. But we are glad that the Madras Ministry had not on it any Shakespearean fan who in the name of the bard, might have opposed the welcome transformations.

Junagadh State Property To Be Vested In Administrator

Parliament Passes Bill After Opposition From Naziruddin Ahmed

NEW DELHI, April 5. (A.P.I.): The Dominion Parliament today passed Bills to provide for the vesting of certain property belonging to Junagadh State in the Administrator, to amend the control of Shipping Act 1947 and further to amend the Right of Way Act 1947. It referred to a Select Committee the Bill further to amend the Indian Income-Tax Act 1922 and the Business Profits Tax Act 1947.

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookherjee, who piloted the Bill to amend the control of Shipping Act on behalf of the Opposition Minister, said that although it was of limited character, the Bill dealt with a very important point of principle, namely, hitherto Government had control only over Indian shipping, but now that control was being extended to non-Indian shipping as well.

COMPREHENSIVE MEASURE: Steps had been taken to formulate a comprehensive legislative measure which would embody the principal recommendations made by the Shipping Policy Committee. Various interests involved were being consulted and it was expected that the matter would soon be before the House. Government were retaining the powers regarding control because the transport situation in the country had not improved and it might be necessary for Government, in the interests of quickest movement of essential commodities by sea, to regulate priority control over coastal ships.

DETAILED PROCEEDINGS

When the Dominion Parliament resumed discussion on the Bill providing for the vesting of certain property belonging to the State of Junagadh in the Central Government's Administrator, Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed said that no arguments had been advanced by Government to show that the properties described really belonged to the State and not to the Ruler in his personal capacity. On the other hand, the securities and shares stood in the name of the Nawab of Junagadh and, prima facie, it would be right to assume that they belonged to him. The passing of the Bill would virtually amount to confiscation of the properties. If confiscation was what was aimed at, he asked, then why not say so? "What you now make is a false declaration and you are taking refuge under an untrue statement. You are really confiscating the property. I beg to submit that this House cannot allow it". He suggested that the House

Morarji Explains New Measures Against Press

Srinivasan's Firm Stand On Where Fourth Estate Can Co-operate With Govt. And Where It Cannot

MR. MORARJI DESAI, HOME MINISTER, BOMBAY, MET BOMBAY'S JOURNALISTS THIS EVENING AT THE JOURNALISTS' UNION.

MR. K. SRINIVASAN PRESIDED. For an hour and fifteen minutes the Minister spoke, the later part of the meeting being taken up by a stream of questions from the pressmen. The subject of discussion was Government's new measures to control the press. Mr. Morarji preface his remarks by saying "my conscience is clear and clean". The Home Minister while granting that the press must be free, it democracy should exist, said: "A free press, if it is not self-controlled, can be disastrous, especially when surrounding conditions are unhealthy".

He maintained that the Press was losing its reputation as a result of a Section trying to destroy the tranquillity of the country. He added: "I do not know if you have any idea of the reputation of certain sections of the press. He said that the 'man-in-the-street' was filled with horror at certain things written by some papers."

Mr. Morarji further made out that two centuries of slavery had detrimentally affected the discipline and responsibility of the people of the country and these unfortunate tendencies were reflected in a small section of the press. If the press could voluntarily exercise self-control, there would have been no need for this measure. Academic notions of democracy, and liberty, could not be the reason when there was the danger of the conditions in a country becoming chaotic.

"Those who refuse to exercise restraint must be checked for a time," he added. If the press wanted freedom, then it must accept responsibility to check the spread of poison. OBJECT OF MEASURE.

Replying to a barrage of questions Mr. Morarji said that the Act would be used only against those papers which preached (1) class or communal hatred, (2) advocated violence, and (3) tried to bring the Government into contempt.

Questioned how the clause pertaining to "bringing the Government into disrepute", could be anything, Mr. Morarji said that it was not possible to specifically say what type and manner of criticism, could be construed as such. It would involve an endless list, and was not possible for him to mention. Even by one, it was largely a question of common sense. Only harmful, and malicious criticism which would tend to disrupt the peace in the country would be taken into consideration.

PREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Mr. Morarji also said that very much before the amendment was drafted, there had been talks between the Government and the Press Advisory Committee, about the inade-

quacy of the existing laws to penalise offending papers. But, despite suggestions at that time, that Government should arm itself with special powers, they had not done so, thinking it unnecessary. But, he added, when the amendments were drafted, the Press Advisory Committee had not been consulted.

SRINIVASAN'S REPLY. Mr. Srinivasan replied to the discussion, was both vigorous as well as laughter-provoking. He said: "Do not worry about our reputation, whenever we abuse the Government, we get into disrepute. It is the duty of the Press, to publish the secret deals of Governments, their intrigues, manoeuvrings, and underhand dealings and Governments must protect themselves as best they can. This is our duty to the public."

Mr. Srinivasan said, that while there could be no difference of opinion about supporting Government with regard to news papers promoting class and communal hatred, it was not possible to support the Government with regard to the clause referring to bringing the Government into disrepute.

"We cannot be one with you," he said, "if the Government as a group misbehaves, and we must bring such a Government into contempt." He also criticised the penalising of the entire press, for the misdeeds of a few irresponsible papers.

DEWAN CHAMANLAL UNVEILS MAHATMA'S PORTRAIT. CALCUTTA, April 5. (A.P.I.): Dewan Chamanlal, the Ambassador-designate to Turkey and President of the All-India Federation of Post and Telegraph Unions today unveiled a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi at the premises of the Central Telegraph Office here.

COLLECTION OF GANDHI MEMORIAL FUND IN TRAVANCORE. TRIVANDRUM, April 5. (UPI):—An informal committee of officials and non-officials, having His Highness the Maharaja as its patron, has been formed in Travancore State, to collect funds for Gandhi's memorial.

C.P. SPEAKER ELECTED TO CONGRESS. NAGPUR, April 5. (A.P.I.):—Mr. G. S. Gupta, Speaker of the C.P. and Berar Assembly has been elected a member of the Constituent Assembly in the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Kalappa, M.L.A.

Mr. Gupta is Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Constituent Assembly to render into Hindi, the draft constitution of India.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS WITH PUNJAB. SIMLA, April 5. (UPI):—The exchange of prisoners between East and West Punjab started today. About 200 prisoners left Gurdaspur for West Punjab. The prisoners from West Punjab will start for East Punjab on April 7.

Court and the right of appeal to the Federal Court of India. The House accepted an amendment of Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari authorising the Central Government to enlarge the schedule listing the various properties which the Bill seeks to vest in the Administrator.

The House passed the second and third readings of the Bill. RENT CONTROL ACT AMENDMENT. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Minister for Law, was in charge of the Bill further to amend the Delhi and Amritsar Rent Control Act 1947 in the absence of Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Minister for Works, Mines and Power.

The Bill, he explained, sought to remove the stigma of the original act. Mr. Deshmukhi, Gupta, while supporting the measure, said that Government must now make a positive effort to implement a building programme and the removal of the problem was not rent control but to build more houses. Unfortunately Government had done "absolutely nothing" in the matter.

WARNING TO GOVT. Mr. K. S. Sidhwa "warned" Government that they should not be carried away by any kind of propaganda on behalf of land-owners, particularly the unscrupulous ones, to remove control. If this control was not there, the condition of the tenants would have been even worse.

The House referred to a Select Committee the Finance Minister Mr. R. K. Shanmukham Chetty, Bill further to amend the Indian Income-Tax Act 1922 and the Business Profits Tax Act of 1947.

It was originally intended that the Bill should be passed during the current session but the Finance Minister said that in view of the rather technical nature of the amendments, he would rather suggest with a view to saving the time of the House that the measure might be examined in detail in the Select Committee.

INDO-PAKISTAN AIR TALKS

Permanent Civil Aviation Agreement Reached: Ratification By Govts. Awaited

KARACHI, April 5. (A.P.I.):—AIR talks in Karachi between the Governments of India and Pakistan have today resulted in a permanent civil aviation agreement between the two countries—four days after the talks commenced here, it was learned.

This agreement is contained in a draft formulated and fully approved by both the Indian and Pakistan delegations and it now only awaits the ratification of their respective Governments.

The two members of the Indian Delegation, Mr. K. V. Venkataswami, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Communications and Mr. P. K. Roy of the Civil Aviation Directorate left for New Delhi today with a copy of the draft agreement.

13 GOVT. SERVANTS 'PUNISHED' FOR CORRUPTION

MADRAS, April 5. (UPI):—Thirteen Government servants in Madras were "suitably punished" for corruption, which was successfully detected by the police during the month of November, 1947, according to a press note issued by the Madras Government.

IRAN TO CLEANSE CAPITAL

Action Against Dubious Foreigners

LONDON, April 5. (Reuter): The Persian Government have decided to "cleanse" the capital—Tehran—of "dubious" foreign elements, Tehran Radio announced to-day.

"All sorts of dubious and suspect elements" infiltrated into Persia during the war and during the presence of foreign troops, and still remained in Persia to the danger of Law and Order, a Ministry of Interior Communiqué declared.

The Government have now decided to cleanse the capital of these elements, the Communiqué continued, adding that the people concerned were to be placed in camps.

To aid this campaign, all foreign residents were requested to renew their residential permits and all holders of firearms asked to renew their licences.

MUNICIPAL CONGRESS PARTY LEADERSHIP

Patil On Report About His Election

Mr. S. K. Patil, Leader of the Bombay Municipal Congress Party, has issued the following communiqué: A report has appeared in a section of the press, stating that I was elected as the Leader of the Party at the meeting of the Party held on Sunday morning. I must categorically state that this is a misleading report. There was no question of my being elected as the Leader since I was unanimously elected Leader of the Party on the 27th of February last. What took place at the last meeting of the Party was the election of a new Leader and the other officers and members of the Managing Council. Some papers have gone to the length of suggesting that since I was elected the Leader at the second time, there was no chance for my friend Mr. Nariman. This is a wrong conclusion based on wrong report. This explanation became necessary to remove any misunderstanding which would naturally be caused by a wrong report.

SRI PRAKASH TO TOUR EAST

KARACHI, April 5. (A.P.I.): The Indian High Commissioner in Pakistan Mr. Sri Prakash, is expected to fly to Dacca on April 8 on a ten-day tour of Eastern Bengal and Assam. Mr. Sri Prakash's first tour of Eastern Bengal and Assam was in 1946.

420 GREEK GUERRILLAS KILLED AT ATHENS, April 5. (U.P.A.): The newspaper "Eksis" reported today that the Greek Army had killed 420 guerrillas in the Krusina Mountain operation which ended Sunday morning.

It was understood that American officers attached to the Greek Army as advisers plan to make a personal count of guerrilla bodies in such operations in future to check the official and unofficial figures on rebel losses.

Counterfeiting Reserve Bank Notes

Raid On Goa Village: One Commits Suicide, Three Arrested

BOMBAY, APRIL 5. (A.P.I.):—THE GOA SECURITY POLICE IN CONJUNCTION WITH INDIAN UNION FRONTIER MADE A RAID ON A SMALL VILLAGE WITHIN GOA TERRITORY WHERE A GANG OF COUNTERFEITERS WAS KNOWN TO BE FORGING NOTES OF THE RESERVE BANK OF INDIA OF RS. 100 TO BE FORGED. REPORTS REACHING HERE FROM GOA SAID TODAY.

Three persons are reported to have been arrested, but one of them committed suicide by swallowing a poison, which he was carrying on his person. Printing machinery as well as stocks of paper, dyes, blocks, etc., used in the counterfeiting were seized.

Having got previous scent of the raid, the gang is reported to have destroyed the entire stock of forged notes. Some charred 'notes' were, however, found.

It is said that the gang was offering the forged notes at a 'wholesale rate' of Rs. 75,000 in good money for spurious notes of the face value of Rs. 200,000.

From Mahatma

Do you know the daily income per head of our country? Our economists say that it is one anna and six paise, though even that is misleading if someone were to work out the average depth of a river as four feet from the fact that the river was six feet deep in certain places and two feet in others, and proceeded towards it, it would be not be drowned? That is how the statistics mislead. The average income is worked out from the figures of the income of the poor man as also of the Viceroy and the millionaires. The actual income will therefore, be hardly three paise per head. Now, if I supplement that income by even three paise with the help of the Charkha, am I not right in calling the Charkha my cow of plenty? Some people attribute superhuman powers to me. Some say I have an extraordinary character God alone knows what I am. It is also possible to disagree about the efficacy of Satyagraha, but I do not name the powers to me. I am not for disagreement on these obvious facts about the Charkha. If some one convinces me to-day that there is no poverty in India, that there are few in India who starve for want of even a piece a day, I shall own myself to have been mistaken and shall destroy the spinning-wheel.

CARDIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA

CALCUTTA, April 5. (A.P.I.): Heart disease is the scourge of the Indian Cardiological Society of India, which was formed here yesterday at a conference of members of the medical profession interested in the advancement of scientific knowledge in the Cardiovascular System.

Dr. B. C. Roy, Premier of West Bengal, is the President of the Society.

The conference was held at the Indian Medical Association hall. Telegrams and messages supporting the formation of the Society were received from different parts of India and various medical colleges.

Other office-bearers of the Society are: Vice-Presidents: Dr. Kumbhkar (Madras), Dr. Vakil (Bombay), Col. Amichand (Eastern Punjab), Dr. Sushil Das (Calcutta), Dr. U. P. Basu (Calcutta).

JOINT SECRETARIES: Dr. A. K. Bose and Dr. J. C. Gupta (Calcutta), and Dr. Murti (Agartala).

Treasurer: Dr. P. Brannachari.

Amiya Chakravarty Meets Einstein

NEW YORK, April 5. (UPI): Dr. Amiya Chakravarty, of Calcutta, India, met a long talk at Princeton with Prof. Einstein about the rapidly worsening situation in India which was causing grave anxiety and alarm by intellectuals, leaders of the West.

Dr. Chakravarty said to the State Department at Washington with a letter from Sir Stafford Cripps, and is visiting different centres with his family before taking up his work as professor at the Howard University.

Director Of ERP

WASHINGTON, April 5. (U.P.A.): The White House said today that President Truman may name the director of the European recovery programme tomorrow.

It is believed that Paul G. Hoffman, President of the Studebaker Corporation may be appointed.

TAX-EVASION INQUIRY COMMITTEE

KANPUR, April 5. (A.P.I.): The Income-Tax Evasion Investigation Commission headed by Sir S. Varadachariar, retired Judge of the Federal Court arrived here yesterday.

The members of the Commission at present engaged in informal discussions and are studying the cases that have been referred to the Commission. The members will stay here till April 13.

MARRIAGE PARTY IN LOREY MISHAP

MADRAS, April 5. (A.P.I.): Fifteen persons including women and children of a marriage party were injured this morning when the lorry in which they were travelling overturned near Madras. The party was returning after solemnising the marriage.

No Charges Of Conspiracy Against Krupps

NUERNBERG, April 5. (U.P.A.):—The United States War Crimes Court today dropped the charges of conspiracy to wage aggressive war against 12 directors of the Krupps Works.

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Muslims' Exodus From Pakistan To Indian States

Problem Before Leaguers

KARACHI, April 5. (A.P.I.): Leaders of the All-India States Muslim League here are greatly perturbed by the continued return of Muslim refugees from Pakistan to the Indian States.

The General Secretary of the All-India States Muslim League, Mr. Mohammed Mahmood, stated that it could not be denied that there were innumerable difficulties in Pakistan to which the refugees were subjected. There were the problems of housing and employment, he said, but the refugees should endure all the difficulties and help in the task of building the nation.

He appealed to the Pakistan and Provincial Governments to inspire confidence in the refugees.

STATES MUSLIM LEAGUE

BIFURCATION PLAN

Bifurcation of the All-India States Muslim League—one for Pakistan and

the other for the Indian Union—will come up for discussion before the annual session of the All-India States Muslim League meeting here in the last week of May, 1948.

The meeting will also consider the problems relating to the setting up of responsible Governments in the States that have acceded to Pakistan and the question of the security of the Muslims living in the States that have acceded to the Indian Union.

FRESH ELECTIONS TO KHAIRPUR STATE ASSEMBLY

KARACHI, April 5 (A.P.I.): The President of the Executive Council of Khairpur State has ordered that fresh elections to the Khairpur State Legislative Assembly be held shortly, it was learned here today.

The elections are not being prepared under the Khairpur State Act, 1947.

TWO UDAIPUR MINISTERS QUIT

Mounted Police Patrol City Streets

UDAIPUR, April 5. (A.P.I.): Mounted police are patrolling the city streets as the agitation for replacement of the present Ministry in the State took a new turn today resulting in the resignations of two Prajamandal Ministers Messrs Mohanlal Sukhadia and Heeralal Kohari.

These developments were said to follow postponement of elections to the Legislative Assembly in the State and the directive from the Prajamandal Party calling on its nominees to resign from the Council of Ministers.

By a Gazette Extraordinary issued March 22 the Maharaja of Udaipur had announced his decision to reorganise his Council of Ministers pending the completion of elections to the Legislative Assembly with effect from April 2.

Tension prevailed in Udaipur earlier today when there were rival political parties in the State—the Kshatriya and Prajamandal Party—each insisting on their respective flags being hoisted to the exclusion of the others.

NIZAM CONSTRUCTING AERODROME WITHOUT ASKING DELHI

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transit between Eastern Pakistan and surrounding territories of the Indian Union.

Asked whether Government had approached the authorities in the State to ask for permission to construct an aerodrome at East Bengal there had been a lot of Neogy said that this and other matters would be discussed at the Inter-Dominion Conference which would be held in Calcutta this week.

SITUATION OF AFFAIRS SINCE JINNAH'S VISIT

Pandit Lakshmi Kant Maitra asked whether it was a fact that since the visit of the chief of the Pakistan State to East Bengal there had been a sudden deterioration in the situation, so much so that not only men folk but women folk were humiliated molested and harassed at points of transit all along the border between West Bengal and Pakistan by the police and National Guards in most cases with the direct connivance of the Pakistan authorities.

Mr. Neogy said that he was aware of the situation that had arisen at the moment in Eastern Pakistan. He was not prepared to say that had necessarily anything to do with the recent visit of the head of the Pakistan Government. He would deprecate the turn of discussion of the matter in view of the forthcoming Inter-Dominion Conference.

NIZAM CONSTRUCTING NEW AERODROMES

Dr. B. V. Keskar asked whether it was a fact that the Government of Hyderabad was constructing new aerodromes without consulting the Government of India and whether they were permitted to do so under the Standstill Agreement.

The Prime Minister in a written reply on behalf of the Minister of States said that the Government of India had received a report that the Hyderabad Government was constructing an aerodrome near the Madras Presidency border.

This was one of the matters arising out of the Standstill Agreement which was now under discussion between the Government of India and the Nizam's Government.

PURCHASE OF U. S. SILVER

The Finance Minister Mr. R. K. Shanmukham Chetty, said in reply to Mr. R. K. Sidwa that 226 millions ounces of silver were obtained from the U. S. Government during the war on the understanding that the entire amount be returned in kind.

There was no question of payment of value to U. S. Government as the silver had to be returned in kind. The proceeds of silver sold were credited to the Central Government and merged in Government's balances.

NEW DELHI, April 5. (A.P.I.): Four Ministers of West Bengal, including Dr. B. C. Roy, Premier, who arrived here yesterday met Dr. John Mathai, Transport Minister, Mr. R. A. Ahmed, Kildal, Communications Minister at a conference and finalised the plan to connect the district of Jalpaiguri with other parts of West Bengal by roads, it is learnt.

Nizam's Envoys Abroad

HYDERABAD (Dn.), April 5 (UPI).—It is understood that the Nizam's Government has communicated to New Delhi, the names of various persons who are proposed to be posted as Hyderabad's Agent-Generals in various countries.

It is understood that Mr. Mushra Ahmed Khan has been named as Hyderabad's Agent-General for Pakistan.

Kisan-Mazdoor Prajara In India

Shankarrao Deo's Address At Ajmer-Merwara Political Conference

MHOW, (Central India), April 4 (A.P.I.): The Central India, Rajputana and Ajmer-Merwara Provincial political conference commenced here tonight in a specially erected pandal at Gandhi Nagar. The conference, which is organised by the Ajmer-Merwara, Central India and Rajputana Provincial Congress Committee for the purpose of strengthening the All India Congress Organisation and to facilitate the formation of an autonomous Ajmer-Merwara province, was attended by a number of prominent leaders including Mr. H. S. Khode, Prime Minister of Holkar State, Mr. Balkrishna Garg, member of the Advisory Committee of the Ajmer administration, and Dr. Chhotram Chhotram, President of the Sind Provincial Congress.

DEO'S ADDRESS

Mr. Deo, who arrived yesterday, was given a warm reception by about 40 institutions including the Provincial Congress Committee, the Mazdoor Sangh and the Mahila Mandal. Mr. Deo replying to the reception, paid a tribute to the work of liberation performed by Mahatma Gandhi to him by the people of Central India was proof of the people's faith in the Congress and the ideology of Mahatma Gandhi. Mr. Deo called upon the people to follow the Congress unflinchingly at the present moment.

After the singing of the national anthem, the Vande Mataram, the Chairman of the Reception Committee, Mr. S. Shah welcomed the delegates and visitors who numbered about 7,000.

Mr. Shankar Rao Deo in his presidential speech traced the happenings of the country since August 15 and said, "The Congress wants to establish a kisan mazdoor prajara in India".

Messages wishing the conference success were received from prominent personages including Rajkumar Amrit Kaur, Health Minister, in the Union Government, Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Labour Minister, Mr. Govind Vallabh Pant, Premier of the United Provinces, Mr. Mangaldas Patil, Governor of the Central Provinces, Mr. M. S. Aney, Governor of Bihar, Mr. Akbar Hydari, Governor of Assam, and Dr. Kailas Nath Katju, Governor of Orissa.

Hu Shim Tipped As Chiang's Successor

SHANGHAI, April 5 (Reuters).—Hu Shih, Chinese philosopher and diplomat, was today named by political observers here as possible successor to Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek as President of China.

In turn, the Generalissimo was being "tipped" as the new Premier.

They were commenting on the "bonshelli" announcement by Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek yesterday that he had decided not to seek reelection.

Dr. Hu Shih, they said, was the only person they knew with all the "presidential qualifications" outlined by the Generalissimo yesterday.

They said the President should be a man with loyalty to the constitution, a sense of patriotism, a democratic outlook and a knowledge of both Chinese culture and of international affairs.

Adjournment Lost In W. Punjab Assembly

LAHORE, April 4 (A.P.I.): The West Punjab Legislative Assembly today adjourned after a long and heated session seeking to raise a debate on Government's "failure to arrange for and undertake the speedy evacuation of Muslim abducted women from East Punjab and East Punjab States".

The adjournment motion was moved by Mr. C. E. Gibson (Anglo-Indian).

He said that the evacuation of Muslim abducted women was primarily the responsibility of the Pakistan-West Punjab Joint Refugee Council and not of the Provincial Government alone.



What is believed to be the first posthumous statue of Mahatma Gandhi is nearing completion in the studios of Atri Brown in London. Contrary to the opinion recently expressed that the Mahatma's figure did not lend itself to artistic treatment—some critics believe that the artists all over the world will be touched by the life-like study of the great leader. Here Atri Brown is seen at his London studio.

20-HOUR BATTLE FOR JEWISH SETTLEMENT

Both Sides Claim Success

JERUSALEM, April 5. (Reuters): Both Jews and Arabs today claimed success in a 20-hour battle for Mishmar Haemek, a Jewish settlement south of Haifa, in which 1,030 Arabs were reported to have been hurled against 400 defenders.

Jews said that with last minute reinforcements they inflicted the biggest defeat yet on the Arabs who were beaten back leaving 40 of their dead lying round the settlement.

ARAB CLAIM

But Arabs said that their forces under Fawzi Al Kawukh, their Palestine Commander-in-Chief, occupied the settlement and that their flag was flying over it.

Covered by heavy mortars and artillery, their main force broke through the Jewish lines and with approach roads were closed by mines, ambush forces and road blocks, Arab sources reported.

Haganah, the Jewish defence force, said that reinforcements arrived in time to aid the defenders, when Arabs had seized positions round the settlement and were pumping in mortar fire.

U. N. TRUCE PROPOSAL

The Jewish Agency executive in Tel Aviv today discussed recommendations by the Security Council for a truce in Palestine.

Mr. Emanuel Newman, chairman of the Zionist Organisation of America, announcing this, said "partition is a fact. The clock cannot be put back."

"We should be careful in the matter of a truce and should not prove a truce on condition that it does not endanger our security, political rights and political programme," he said.

The United States truce proposal was approved unanimously by the

WILL U.S. DO FOR EUROPE AT LEAST AS MUCH AS AFTER WORLD WAR I?

GENEVA, April 6 (Reuters): Europe must have something like a new Marshall Aid Plan in 1951 or suffer in her living standards and continue to be dependent on America.

This is the conclusion reached in a report issued here today by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, on which both Marshall Aid and East European countries are represented.

The report, the greatest survey of European economy ever undertaken, analyses the changes of success of the Marshall Plan in the West and of the various national plans instituted by the new popular democracies of Eastern Europe.

The most critical feature in Europe's present situation is the huge deficit in her overseas balance of payments, the report said, basing itself on the economic statistics of all European countries except Russia.

The report said "even if the current production plans of the European countries are fully realised, the attainment of equilibrium by the end of 1951 cannot be assured without a reduction in the standards of living."

In an analysis of Europe's prospects in the next three and a half years the survey reported:

(1) That a gap of 2,000,000,000 dollars at pre-war prices in the normal balance of trade—caused by war, the losses of European shipping, overseas investments and other sources of revenue—can only be bridge by combination of increase exports and reduced imports, with a big cut in imports of manufactured goods from the United States.

ONLY REMEDY

(2) That this objective can only be achieved by an enormous increase of between 40 and 50 per cent in the production of Europe's heavy industries, necessitating the profound transformation of European economy.

(3) That the prospects of achieving

Bihar-Pakistan Border Trouble

Patna Minister's Reply To Assembly Question

PATNA, April 5. (A.P.I.): Press reports that members of the Pakistan Border Militia were active on the Bihar-Pakistan Border in Purnea district were "substantially correct," Mr. Krishna Ballah Sahay, Revenue Minister, said in reply to a short notice question in the Bihar Legislative Assembly today.

"Government have had this information even before these reports appeared in the Press," he said. "We are fully alert to the gravity of the situation and have addressed a communication to the Government of India on the matter."

(The Press reports referred to by the Minister alleged large-scale looting of passengers travelling by buses plying between Kishanganj and Singur in the Purnea district.)

The Minister also stated in reply to a supplementary question that "even women passengers were not spared and their ornaments and other belongings taken away" were "substantially correct."

Question: Has the situation now eased as a result of the measures taken by Government?

Answer: When the situation eases, the Hon'ble member may know.

Replying to another question, Mr. Sahay stated that the Provincial Government were not in a position to lodge a protest with the Pakistan Government but the Government of India had been fully apprised of the position.

RUSSIANS ATTEND COMMITTEE SESSION

BERLIN, April 5 (Reuters).—Russian representatives turned up this morning for two of the three scheduled Sub-Committee meetings of the Allied Kommandatura (the body which controls Berlin)—the Public Health and Finance Committees—but boycotted a meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee.

Miners Defy Federal Court Injunction

LITTSBURG, April 5. (Reuters).—America's 400,000 soft coal miners, defying a court injunction ordering them to return to work, as their strike entered its fourth week, did not return to the pits today.

An early survey showed that no miners were at work in the big coal producing States such as Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky.

The miners generally indicated that they were waiting for specific orders from their leader, Mr. John L. Lewis, who sent them a message on Saturday leaving them free to go back to work or stay out as they pleased.

The court injunction issued on Saturday also directed the mine-owners to settle their differences with the Union mainly over delay in starting a miners' pension scheme.

TOKIO CIVILIANS ENERGETIC

TOKYO, April 5. (Reuters): Negotiations between the Japanese Government and Civil Servants Unions, after the threat of a large-scale strike, banned last Monday by General MacArthur as supreme Commander, have reached a truce, and a continuing long-term struggle was forecast by the Japanese Press today.

The unions were reported to have instructed workers to carry out their normal duties, but they were called for to join the strike, which was called for by the Government, would finally concede their demands.

A general strike of nearly 1,500,000 communications workers and other Government employees was called for Saturday by General MacArthur, saying that he would "not permit the use of so deadly a social weapon in the present impoverished condition of Japan," ordered the Government to prevent it.

LONDON STEVEDORES ON STRIKE

LONDON, April 5. (U.P.A.): Seven thousand Stevedores struck at six London docks today because a rival union tried to force two of their members to switch their allegiance.

137 STRIKERS ARRESTED IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, April 5. (A.P.I.): Employees of the Central Government in Calcutta, who have no intention of joining the strike called there, have signed declarations to that effect today. All those who refused to sign the declarations or have participated in the strike, have been suspended.

Today the fourth day of the strike, 137 arrests were made. Ten of them were for picketing and the others were stay-in-and-hunger-strikes, who refused to leave their offices at the end of the day. According to official figures the number of hunger-strikers today was 22, including four women.

Bhopal Prajamandal Executive Ratifies Agreement

BHOPAL, April 5 (A.P.I.): The Working Committee of the Bhopal Prajamandal Party has unanimously passed a resolution ratifying the agreement reached on Friday between the Prajamandal Party and the Government.

The resolution said that the Bhopal Prajamandal Working Committee fully endorses all the points of the agreement.

The agreement contained points relating "inter alia" to the setting up of a constitutional body representing the Bhopal Prajamandal in the new interim Government and the policy in regard to Bhopal's merger or union with any particular territory.

WHEN EAST AND WEST VOTE TOGETHER

Geneva Press Freedom Conference Carries Indian Resolution

GENEVA, April 5. (Reuters): Journalists are under an obligation to help maintain peace and security in the world and to promote respect for human rights without discrimination, the United Nations Freedom of Information Conference resolved unanimously today.

This point, forming part of a resolution put forward by the Indian delegation saw the entire Eastern Group voting side by side with the Western countries for the first time at the Conference.

The Indian resolution adopted in its entirety also defied the duties of those engaged in collecting and disseminating information in a prejudicial and in their proper context and to make comments without malicious intent.

2. To facilitate the solution of the economic, social and humanitarian problems of the world through the free interchange of information.

3. To counteract the spreading of intentionally false or distorted reports of news, facts and events, or of propaganda against States persons or groups of different races languages, religion or philosophical conviction.

An Indian proposal that encouraged the free flow of information and the promotion within States of one or more non-official news organisations was also accepted.

A Committee of the Conference accepted today an American proposal that the projected International Convention on the free flow of news should lay down that equal facilities be granted to all correspondents in the international transmissions of news.

The Austrian and South African delegates accepted the provision after the United States delegate had explained that it would not affect the Press in the United States or the transmission within the Empire.

The discussion of a French proposal for an International Press Card was adjourned until after the Conference has decided whether an International Council should be set up to distribute such a card.

The Indian Delegation's comprehensive outline of the purpose which should be served by the press radio and other means of mass communication, presented the most important intervention which the delegation has yet made in the work of the conference.

Russian Fighter Collides With British "Viking"

MID-AIR PLANE INCIDENT OVER BERLIN: 14 PEOPLE KILLED

LONDON, April 5. (Reuters): British military authorities in Berlin were told today that a Soviet fighter plane collided in mid-air with the British "Viking" passenger plane over Berlin. The Soviet fighter plane was reported today.

All 14 on board the Viking—ten passengers and four crew—were killed while the occupants of the British aircraft were believed to be "Yak", also perished.

A London Foreign Office spokesman said tonight Mr. Bevin would make a statement on the crash in the House tomorrow on the basis of information from Sir Brian Robertson, British C-in-C.

General Robertson, he added, has been in contact with Mr. A. A. Vasili Sokolovsky, the Russian C-in-C, and lodged a protest personally.

In Berlin, Reuter reported, all leading British Control Commission officers, including General Robertson, discussed the collision at a meeting which has already lasted two hours.

Just before dark Berlin city police squad cars drew up near the wreck of the Soviet plane in the British zone and disgorged 15 German plain

GOVT. TO THE RESCUE OF SURAT

Large Quantities Of Food Grains Despatched

SURAT, April 5 (A.P.I.): The Government of Bombay are despatching large quantities of food grains to the district and are shortly despatching 125,000 bags of all kinds of food grains to the district.

Mr. Deshpande, who is in charge of the district, said that the situation in the district and it has been decided to open at least two shops in every taluk.

Mr. Deshpande warned the public that it was an offence to possess more than 50 maunds of grain and stated that the new arrivals of food grains will be stocked in godowns in different parts of the district and will be distributed to the villages of the district and it has been decided to open at least two shops in every taluk.

Mr. Deshpande also made a reference to the prevailing acute shortage of coal and firewood whose prices have risen up by more than 100 per cent over the control price and said that the Government are taking steps to be eased to a very great extent.

Jinnah To Meet All-tribes Jirga At Peshawar

KARACHI, April 5. (A.P.I.): During his forthcoming ten-day tour of the North-West Frontier the Governor General of Pakistan Quaid-Azam Mohammed Ali Jinnah, is expected to meet an all-tribes Jirga at Peshawar.

He will visit the Khyber Pass, Risalpur and the Kurram. The Governor-General is expected to leave Karachi by air for Peshawar on April 11.

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FOR MAKING A FALSE ENTRY of issue of Sugar in the cash memo, though the Sugar was neither demanded by the customer nor issued to the customer, the Government granted to NOORMOHAMMED BHANJI, Proprietor, Ration Shop No. 17 at Jahangir Villa, Season Dock, Calcutta, has been cancelled and the sum of Rs. 250 deposited with Government has been ordered to be forfeited to Government.

BHABHA RESIGNS

GADGIL TAKES CHARGE OF COMMERCE PORTFOLIO

NEW DELHI, April 5 (A.P.I.): MR. C. H. BHABHA, COMMERCE MINISTER, LEFT FOR BOMBAY BY THE FRONTIER MAIL TODAY. HE WILL RELINQUISH HIS POST TOMORROW.

He was given a send off at the station by the Defence Minister, Sardar Baldev Singh, the Industries Minister Dr. Shyamasundar Mukherji, the Secretaries of the Home, Transport and Commerce departments, Mr. R. N. Banerjee, Mr. Y. N. Sukthankar and Mr. C. C. Desai respectively and officials of the Commerce and other Ministries.

NO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Mr. Bhabha's departure from the Government has no political significance, it is pointed out here nor is it related to the demands made in certain quarters for the resignation of certain non-Congress Ministers.

Mr. Bhabha is leaving the Government for personal reasons. It is known that Mr. Bhabha's resignation had been kept pending by the Prime Minister for the last three months as he could not be relieved owing to the budget session.

It is understood that the Commerce Portfolio may be taken over temporarily by Mr. N. V. Gadgil, the Works and Power and Mines Minister.

It is understood that Mr. Bhabha has been invited to join several big businesses but for the present he proposes to join the directorate of the Central Bank only.



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COUNTERING RISING PRICES OF COMMODITIES

Ghulam Mohammad To Hold Conference On April 10

KARACHI, April 5 (A. P. I.): A conference of representatives of the Pakistan Government and the provincial state administrations and non-officials will be held in Karachi on April 10. Under the Chairmanship of the Pakistan Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs, Mr. Ghulam Mohammad, to devise ways and means of countering the rising prices of commodities in Pakistan.

Mr. Ghulam Mohammad had told Pakistan Government employees last night that the answer to their problem was not the raising of wages but the checking of the rising prices of commodities.

"DAWN" AND "SIND OBSERVER" QUARREL

KARACHI, April 5 (I.P.A.): A virulent quarrel is going on for time between the Pakistan's leading newspapers, the official Government organ "Dawn" and the Sind Premier's mouthpiece "Sind Observer".

The "Sind Observer" characterizing "Dawn" as a refugee paper edited by a refugee Editor charged the paper having from the beginning adopted a hostile attitude towards Sind and its Premier.

The controversy was started by "Dawn" when it alleged that the Sind administration was being carried on by "chits" and that the decisions of the Sind Public Service Commission were being ignored by the Sind Government in the matter of making appointments. "Dawn" also charged "Sind Observer" of "spirit of venomous provincialism."

The Sind Premier Mr. M. A. Khuroo, in a statement expressed great satisfaction with "Dawn" for having started this Press controversy.

Indian Press Association understands that the intervention of Mr. M. A. Jinnah is being sought to put an end to this fraternal strife of Pakistan journals.

Karachi Dock Strike Called Off

KARACHI, April 4 (A.P.I.): The 4,000 Karachi dock workers called off their three-day strike today and resumed work at the Karachi harbour.

The dock workers have agreed to a ten-anna increase in their daily wages pending a final settlement.

The Karachi Dock Workers Union had given strike notice a month ago demanding inter alia a 200 per cent increase in their daily wages.

The Government of Pakistan appointed an arbitrator who recommended a ten anna increase in the daily wages. This was rejected by the dock workers and they struck work from Thursday last.

Suhrawardy On Peace Mission To Jessore

CTLUOTA, April 5 (A. P. I.): Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, former Premier of Bengal accompanied by the Mayor of Calcutta Mr. Sudhir Roy Chowdhury left for Jessore, in Eastern Pakistan, today on a goodwill tour where certain incidents were reported last month.

He will meet Hindu and Muslim leaders in Jessore, and also the Bihar refugees.

Atom Bomb-proof Tunnel Between England And France

LONDON (I.P.S.): Talks for speedy construction of an atom-bomb proof channel tunnel between England and France is going on between the British and French Governments.

The blue-print calls for an atom-bomb proof tube with two motor roadways, two pneumatic postal tubes and two electric tracks. It would be ready in eight years and will cost about £50,000,000.

Madras Premier In Charge Of Home & Law Portfolios

MADRAS, April 5 (A.P.I.): It is officially announced that until final arrangements are made, the Premier of Madras, Mr. O. P. Ramaswami Reddy, will be in charge of the Home and Police portfolios including Law which was held by Dr. P. Subbarayan.

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GIFT OF INDIAN PAINTINGS TO CHINA

"Prelude To Renaissance Of Cultural Contribution"

NANKING. (By Mail). The immortal bonds, cultural and spiritual linking India and China were highlighted at a historic ceremony when India's Ambassador in China, Mr. K. P. S. Menon made a gift to the Chinese Government on behalf of the Government of India, a collection of 15 paintings by contemporary Indian artists.

Presenting the paintings, Mr. Menon said: "I describe these paintings as specimens of modern Indian art. They are modern in the sense that they have been executed by contemporary painters. Some of them are also modern or perhaps ultra-modern in technique. But most of them owe their inspiration in style and theme to the immortal life of India, the culture and her folklore. Both China and India have in the course of their history gone through various political vicissitudes. But despite these vicissitudes they have maintained an unbroken continuity, cultural, spiritual and artistic tradition. It is this continuity which gives Chinese and Indian civilisations glow and vitality which nothing can destroy."

The paintings include those by Jamini Roy, Mrs. Rani Chanda Amulya Gopal Sen, D. P. Roy Choudhury, S. D. Ghavda, V. A. Mali, J. M. Ahlasi, Kanwal Krishna, Badri, K.K. Heber and K. E. Abdur Rahman Ghughani. The paintings will be housed in the National Central Museum of Nanking.

Accepting the paintings on behalf of his Government, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, the Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs, said:

"I venture to suggest that the donation of this collection of modern Indian paintings to the Central Museum will prove to be a very valuable addition to the series of inspiring gestures from you which went further to buttress the very cordial relations so long maintained between India and China. May I hope this gracious act to be a prelude to the renaissance of that cultural contribution from India to China as represented by the Buddhist sutras during the 8th century. The influence of that period of cultural contact is still tangible in China today. When there is a free flow of cultures across the boundaries of nations, I have little doubt that other aspects of their relations will grow proportionately more friendly and closer."

In this sense I would, on behalf of my Government, thank you for this gift of Indian paintings."

CHINESE PRESS TRIBUTE TO MR. MENON

Paying tribute to Mr. K. P. S. Menon's work in China as India's Ambassador during the past four years, the Nanking Press said that he has a diplomat ever enjoyed the confidence and the respect of the Chinese Government and the Chinese people. Mr. K. P. S. Menon during his tenure, Mr. Menon has assisted materially in the rebirth of Sino-Indian relations. In this regard he has accomplished a world achievement, comparable in magnitude to what Hsuan Tsang and other great Buddhist missionaries had accomplished in the religious and cultural fields.

RAM GOPAL CREATES FURORE IN LONDON

LONDON, April 4 (Reuters): Enthusiasts for the ballet crowded into Ram Gopal's dressing room at the Saville Theatre here last night when he concluded his five-week season in the East.

Outstanding successes of the night had been his "Hunter in the Forest" and his "Eagle". In the latter, in his Kathak style and his hymn to Rama taught him by one of the Gurus of Tanjore.

As the programme ended with Ravi Shankar playing the Kathak technique by the whole company, the audiences applauded for so long that Ram Gopal came before the curtain to say.

His speech of thanks developed into a lecture on Indian Art and one saw the unusual spectacle of an audience of indifferent to last trains and buses home, listening in dead silence, while this gifted young dancer talked rapidly of his art.

Next week Ram Gopal starts a tour of English Provincial towns, after he goes to the three Scandinavian capitals, Oslo, Stockholm and Copenhagen.

Dr. Lohia Explains Socialist Party's Objective

KANPUR, April 4 (A. P. I.): Dr. Rammanohar Lohia, the Socialist Leader, addressing a public meeting here last night, said that the Socialists would gladly "do or die" in the attempt to establish a democratic Kisan Mazdoor Raj in India.

He said that the Socialist objective was that sovereignty should reside in the 40 crores of people living in India's villages and not in a few hands only.

Dr. Lohia said, "friendship, brotherhood and unity with the Muslims is the need of the hour. We must discard communalism, fight provincialism and give a death-blow to sectarianism."

Dr. Lohia also said that another urgent need was general conscription for every adult for one year, "to save ourselves from a new India which was Mahatma Gandhi's dream. With unflinching loyalty to this cause, the Socialists will march ahead to build a new Socialist India."

Referring to the reasons which have forced the Socialists to quit the Government, Dr. Lohia said that Mahatma Gandhi's wish was that the Congress should now transform itself into a Lok Seva Samaj. The Congress, he said, was drifting away from the revolutionary tradition of the Socialists.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS BETWEEN E. & W. PUNJAB. SIMLA, April 5 (A.P.I.): Exchange of prisoners between East and West Punjab commenced today. Five prisoners were carried about 200 prisoners from Gurdaspur left for West Punjab. The repatriation of non-Muslim prisoners from West Punjab is expected to begin on April 7.



All Congress Sevikas and Kumarikas gathered at the Congress House on Saturday to get their instructions in connection with the arrangements for A.I.C.C. sessions to be held in city. Pictures shows.

WORLD FRONT AGAINST IMPERIALISM

Fenner Brockway Appeals For World Federation Of Socialists

LONDON, April 5 (Reuters): Calls for closer co-operation between India and Africa were made here last night at a meeting convened by the newly-organised world-movement against imperialism.

Mr. Fenner Brockway, former Political Secretary of the British Independent Labour, said that the militant Socialist organisations of the west should form an alliance with the Socialist movements of Asia and Africa.

Only a world federation of genuine Socialists of the east and west of all lands, could enforce peace, he added. The audience cheered Dr. N. Gan-

Reynolds Abandons Air Expedition

TOKYO, April 5 (Reuters) Mr. Milton Reynolds, Chicago millionaire pen-knife, who went to China to find a mountain higher than Everest, has abandoned his expedition to the Chinese Guards placed on his plane at Shanghai airport.

Mr. Reynolds is now on his way back to the United States in his plane "The Explorer" after spending the second time to abandon his efforts to find a higher than Everest mountain in the Anne Machin Chiao in North Eastern Tibet.

He said on arrival here that he had found guards by promise that he would give them a plane.

He had his pilot, round-the-world flier William Odom, and two other American members of his party climb into the plane, slammed the door and took off.

ALL-INDIA DEPRESSED CLASSES LEAGUE TO CONTINUE

NEW DELHI, April 5 (UPI): The Working Committee of the All India Depressed Classes League yesterday decided to continue the League after noon, Mr. H. J. Khandikar presiding. Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Labour Minister of the Government of India was present on special invitation.

The Committee decided to hold the next session of the League at Bezwada on April 27 and 28.

It has also passed a resolution urging the Indian States to grant the Depressed Classes adequate representation in the Assemblies and respective Cabinets.

After much discussions, it has been finally decided at the meeting that the All India Depressed Classes League should continue its existence in order to protect the political rights and interests of the Harijans and to work to bring about rapid improvements in their social, economic, political, religious and educational matters, and to promote good feelings and happy relationship between the Depressed Classes and the Caste Hindus.

The Committee further decided to set up two sub-committees, one to revise the constitution of the Depressed Classes League, and the other to prepare a list of amendments to the clauses in the Draft Constitution of India, keeping in view the best interest of the Harijans.

Mr. Jagjivan Ram, addressing the Working Committee, said: "Our League has been marching rapidly. Our Progress has been matchless in the history of the world. The Negro of America are still nated and they are not still given the right of citizenship in the civilised world. That is what we see in other countries but our progress is comparatively far better in every aspect."

John L. Lewis Ignores Federal Court Injunction

WASHINGTON, April 4 (U.P.A.): President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers ignored today, at least for the time being, the Federal Court injunction directing him to call off the 21-days old soft coal strike forthwith.

Lewis presumably was taking the position that until he is served with official notice the order is ineffective.

A United States marshal will attempt to give him this notice Monday.

The general counsel for the union said he had not seen any court order. He said he knew only what he had read in the newspapers, and declined further comment.

U. S. War Plans Finalised?

LONDON, April 5 (I.P.A.): With the shoot if you must order to U.S.A. Commander in Germany, General Lucius D. Clay, observers here consider that the Truman administration has finalised its war plans. It is argued that if the inevitable conflict is precipitated now Truman considers that a second term for him is certain. However, there are others who feel that in case of war before elections America will clamour for Eisenhower as President. Wallace says that the Truman administration vote, it is felt, but even so he is unlikely to be anywhere in the running for the White House.

An American source here disclosed to Indian Press Association that U.S.A. cannot countenance the establishment of any more "People's Republics", either in Eastern Germany or Italy. These are the two places where the shooting may start.

The source was very confident about the position of India in the next war. "India will be with us," he tersely said. "Nehru and Patel are great statesmen."

Left-wing circles here think that the arrests of the Communists in India were carried under American pressure and Mountbatten's "persuasion". The February Congress of the Indian Communist Party which replaced Joshi by Randhava as General Secretary of the Party, is believed to have done so under instructions from the Kremlin to "prepare the Indian Communist Party for the coming war."

Indian political circles here strongly feel that India with her semi-independent status is firmly tied to the apron strings of Anglo-American. Their delaying tactics at Lake Success are considered as an attempt to keep the pot boiling in Kashmir till war comes. Like the monkeys in the fable who quarrelled over a nut, both India and Pakistan will be seared when war breaks out, and America will take over Kashmir under the pretext of stopping a Russian invasion of India and Pakistan.

RUSSIA REJECTS SECOND CHINESE PROTEST

MOSCOW, April 4 (Reuters): Russia has rejected a second Chinese protest against the action of Soviet fighter planes in firing on a Chinese Government transport, plane near Port Arthur, Manchuria, on March 8. It was disclosed here today.

A Chinese protest made on March 10 was rejected in a note from the Soviet Embassy in Nanking on March 13, and on March 18 the Chinese Government repeated its protest. The Soviet Embassy in Nanking replied yesterday rejecting the protest.

The new Soviet reply denied two statements made in the Chinese note on March 18 that the Chinese plane did not cross the boundary of the area of the Soviet naval base at Port Arthur, and that as Manchuria, Port Arthur, and that as Chinese territory, Chinese planes have the right to fly freely over any part of it.

The Soviet reply said the Chinese plane was spotted by two Soviet patrol planes within the area of the naval base and that after signalling several times to follow them to a landing place they fired two warning shots. It also said the Soviet command was not informed of the flight of the Chinese plane.

The flight of the Chinese plane was said to be a violation of the Chinese Government's demand to inform the Soviet command in advance of any flights of Chinese planes over the Port Arthur area to avoid similar incidents in the future.

China Appreciates U. S. Aid

NANKING, April 4 (Reuters). Mr. Wang Shun Chieh, the Chinese Foreign Minister said today that the China Aid Programme signed by President Truman yesterday had produced an "uplifting effect" on the morale of the Chinese people.

"It represented an expression of friendship on the part of the United States and recognition of the seriousness of the situation in China," he said.

"My Government however accepts the programme with a heavy heart as the final responsibility for its success or its failure rests with us."

MARSHALL AND FOUR U. S. DELEGATES ESCAPE INJURY WHEN PLANE BLOWS TIRE

BOGOTA, Colombia, April 4 (U.P.A.): Secretary of State George C. Marshall and four other top ranking United States delegates to the hemisphere conference here narrowly escaped injury Sunday when their plane blew a tire on landing at Medellin, Colombia.

Marshall, accompanied by Commerce Secretary W. Averell Harriman, Export-Import Bank President William Martin, and conference delegates William Pawley and Walter Donnelly, flew to Medellin to attend a luncheon given by local officials in their honour.

The plane, Pawley's private DC-3 transport, fortunately did not "ground loop" when the tire blew and suffered no damage beyond a flat tire which was quickly replaced.

Officials Doubt Chiang Kai-Shek Will Relinquish Presidency

WASHINGTON, April 4 (U. P. A.): Informed government officials today voiced doubt that Chiang Kai-shek will be able to relinquish the presidency of China despite his announcement he would not seek re-election.

They believe the present opinion within China, combined with the lack of any other outstanding candidates, might well result in his continuing in that position.

A Yankee Invasion Of Britain In Summer

LONDON (I.P.S.): A Yankee invasion of Britain is in prospect bringing the starved Britain an avalanche of dollars. A deluge of American tourists are expected in Britain this spring and summer. Shipping companies, airlines and hotels are "struggling with a torrent of bookings."

It will be a record year for British shipping. More than 300,000 American tourists will arrive, it is estimated. Austerities will not deter the Yanks.

FURTHER CUT IN PETROL RATION LIKELY

Reduction In Allocation Of Motor Spirit Necessitates New Measure

NEW DELHI, April 5: A further cut in petrol ration has become inevitable the cut ranging from twenty to twenty-five per cent on the existing rations. The cut has been necessitated by further reduction in India's allocation of motor spirit to eight million gallons monthly. It will be thus seen that during the last quarter India's petrol allocations have been reduced by two million gallons monthly.

The present reductions have been the result of India's own adjustments between the allocations of diesel and other oils and motor spirit. Allocations of diesel and other oils urgently needed for industrial purposes, it may be recalled, have been reduced. At India's representations these reductions have been partially restored at the cost of motor spirit allocations which have been reduced to eight million gallons monthly. Government's intentions appear to be to revert back to the original valuation of basic coupons and also to reduce supplementary ration, overall reductions being twenty to twenty-five per cent. The cut will operate from the next quarter beginning from May 1.

FIGHTING PLANES UP IN OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, April 4 (U.P.A.): With food supplies running short in Jerusalem, Hagana squads took to the air to clear the coast again today to permit Jewish convoys pass.

They captured the Arab village of Kastel, about ten kilometers west of Jerusalem, and there were indications that preparations were being made to establish another half-score for similar strong points along the highway to facilitate the Hagana patrols.

In the Old City of Jerusalem, fighting between Arabs and Jews flared up last night and continued throughout the day.

Fire was also exchanged between Arabs based on the Jaffa Gate and on the Old City walls and the Hagana fortress of Montfort.

Hagana claimed that it had information that the Arabs were attempting to bring explosives to Montfort in a bid to blow a hole in the perimeter controlling the Valley of Hinnon.

There was also an exchange of fire between the Hagana and the Arab forces in the Old City of Jerusalem.

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BAN ON MUFTI'S ENVOY

LONDON, April 5 (Reuters): Jamal Hussein, Deputy Chairman of the Arab Higher Executive, and Envoy for the Mufti of Jerusalem, was not allowed to stay in England when he landed at London airport this morning on his way to Lake Success.

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Death Sentences On Greek Communists

ATHENS, April 4 (Reuters): Seven out of 22 members of a communist organisation have been sentenced to death by an Athens military court.

The Larissa military court has sentenced another seven communists to death for taking part in the rebellion. At Larissa a military court has passed death sentences on two former local multimillionaires aged 17 and 18, who were charged with acts of banditry.

Seventy-three communists, accused of espionage for the guerrillas are to be tried by a military court in Salonika.

MAD MONKEY PLAYS HAVOC

MADURAI, April 4 (A. P. I.): A mad monkey, with which its owner commences to associate, has been playing havoc in a crowded locality of Madurai during the past few days. It is stated that this monkey has so far either bitten or mauled over 50 persons, all adults in the locality, which it has made its favourite haunt.

There are other monkeys in the locality but they go in a group and do not allow this delinquent member of their community to mingle with them.

The monkey is "at large. The police have made an unsuccessful attempt to shoot it. The scared residents of the locality have made representations to both the municipal and Government authorities to put an end to the maniac career of the mad monkey."

Jog Power For S. Kanara And Cedee Districts

MANGALORE, April 4 (A. P. I.): Electric power is to be given to the Cedee District and South Kanara as a result of discussions held at Ministerial level between representatives of the Government of Madras and Government of Mysore.

Mysore had contracted to supply 3,500 kilowatts energy from the newly installed hydro-electric works (Mahabaleswara Hydro-Electric Works) at Jog for construction work in connection with the Tungbhadra project.

Following today's discussions, power will be distributed also to the South Kanara, Haver, Hindupur and Cedee districts. Madras will thus take about 10,000 kilowatts electric power.

RADIO STATION IN GOA

CITY OF GOA, April 5 (I.P.A.): The newly installed Goa Broadcasting Station has started experimental transmissions on a wavelength of 33 metres from 7 to 7.30 p.m.

Spanish-Philippine Treaty Of Amity

MANILA, April 4 (U.P.A.): A Spanish-Philippine treaty of amity will be considered on the Senate floor tomorrow amid strong indications of a furious debate over an allegedly unconstitutional provision granting Spanish nationals, on a reciprocity basis, the right to acquire immovable property or land in the Philippines.

A two-thirds vote is necessary for ratification.

ROME, April 4 (U.P.A.): The Italian Government went on parade today and nearly 600,000 Romans cheered the biggest military show of strength since Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini reviewed Fascism's legions ten years ago.

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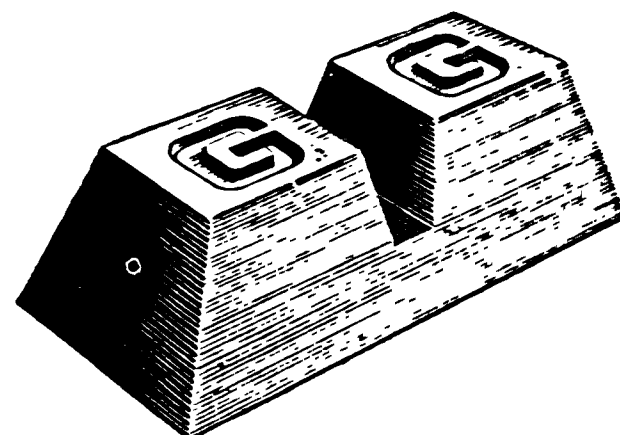
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